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From: (b)(6)  
Sent: Saturday, September 02, 2006 11:29 AM  
To: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
Subject: Re: military analysts

Keep to yourself. Remember, I'm not the official person on this.

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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From: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
To: (b)(6)  
Sent: Sat Sep 02 11:27:50 2006  
Subject: Re: military analysts

Appreciate the info on that.

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From: (b)(6)  
To: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
Sent: Sat Sep 02 11:26:56 2006  
Subject: Re: military analysts

Thanks. I've been talking w (b)(6) on the other thing. He is keeping on top of it. I'm waiting to see when he'll have a final but I really think he was more in the info gathering stage than anything.

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From: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
To: (b)(6)  
Sent: Sat Sep 02 11:22:01 2006  
Subject: Fw: military analysts

Here you go.

-----Original Message-----  
From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
To: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
Sent: Sat Sep 02 11:02:55 2006  
Subject: military analysts

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Friday, September 01, 2006 6:25 PM  
**To:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
**Subject:** FW: big guns

Most interest in the phone numbers of guys in the area but having the emails would also be helpful.

**From:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA [mailto:Dallas.Lawrence@(b)(6)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 30, 2006 6:08 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** big guns

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**From:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 31, 2006 10:17 PM  
**To:** (b)(6); OASDPA  
**Subject:** Re: a heads up

Wasn't sure, but thanks.

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**From:** (b)(6) OASDPA  
**To:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD  
**CC:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA; Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA  
**Sent:** Thu Aug 31 22:14:49 2006  
**Subject:** Re: a heads up

Got it Eric, will do. Thx for the heads up. Fyi, per other holidays, we weren't planning to publish Monday. (b)(6)

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**From:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD  
**To:** (b)(6); OASDPA  
**CC:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA; Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA  
**Sent:** Thu Aug 31 17:06:00 2006  
**Subject:** a heads up

jed babbin is doing a column in american spectator that will feature the secdef and missile defense. expect the piece will run tuesday and be available on the spectator's website shortly after midnight monday. it would be great if we can capture the piece and put it into tuesday's bird. btw, if the piece somehow runs monday, let's not put it into monday's bird b/c of the holiday situation.

thanks, taft. eric

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 31, 2006 4:27 PM  
**To:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
**Subject:** RE: iraq update

scales is at his west point reunion, mcinerney is scheduled to make a speech somewhere and take his wife on a trip right in those dates, shepperd says this is right in the middle of a "can't go" period...

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**From:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 31, 2006 4:24 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Subject:** RE: iraq update

MacInerney was a no as well as scales correct? Id recheck wiuth them to see if their schedules had changed, as well as sheppard

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 31, 2006 3:34 PM  
**To:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
**Subject:** RE: iraq update

GENERAL WAYNE DOWNING (USA, RETIRED) MSNBC

COLONEL JOHN GARRETT (USMC, RETIRED) FOX NEWS

BRIGADIER GENERAL DAVID GRANGE (USA, RETIRED) CNN

DR. JEFF MCCAUSLAND, COLONEL (USA, RETIRED) CBS

MR. WAYNE SIMMONS (CIA, RETIRED) FOX NEWS

HONORABLE BING WEST (USMC, ASD, RETIRED) NATIONAL REVIEW, ATLANTIC MONTHLY

MR. JED BABBIN (USAF, JAG, DUSD)AMERICAN SPECTATOR, RCP - doubtful

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**To:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Subject:** RE: Iraq update

Who do we have confirmed

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**From:** (b)(6) OSD PA  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 31, 2006 4:12 PM  
**To:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD  
**Subject:** Please call Jed Babbin, (b)(6)

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Confidential Assistant to the  
Assistant Secretary  
of Defense for Public Affairs

1400 Defense Pentagon (b)(2)

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 31, 2006 3:41 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Subject:** Conference Call TOMORROW  
**Attachments:** attf295d.gif



**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Retired Military Analysts

**From:** Dallas Lawrence  
Director, Community Relations and Public Liaison  
Office of the Secretary of Defense

**Date:** August 31, 2006

**Re:** Conference Call with Senior DoD Officials

We invite you to participate in a conference call, **FRIDAY, September 1, 2006, from 11:45-12:15.**

Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs Peter Rodman (bio at:

<http://www.defenselink.mil/Bios/BiographyDetail.aspx?BiographyID=89>) and Vice Director for Strategic Plans and Policy Rear Admiral William Sullivan (bio at: <http://www.navy.mil/navydata/bios/bio.asp?bioID=276>) will brief you on the Quarterly Report on Iraq Stability and Security. This call will be On Background.

To participate in this conference call, please dial (b)(2) and ask the operator to connect you to the Analysts conference call.

Please R.S.V.P. to (b)(6) at (b)(6) or call her at (b)(2)

We hope you are able to participate.

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**From:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 31, 2006 11:02 AM  
**To:** Smith, Dorrance HON OSD PA  
**Cc:** Whitman, Bryan SES OSD PA  
**Subject:** jed babbin

jed just dropped in between meetings here in the bldg. he would like two minutes to talk to the sd about missile defense for his monday spectator article. i recommend we do this if the sd has time to call from his vehicle on the way to sm today. jed isn't interested in the "success or failure" of today's scheduled test. he's big picture and i've given him some background on the sd's energy behind mda. thanks.

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**From:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 31, 2006 10:53 AM  
**To:** 'tony\_snow@'(b)(6) Perino, Dana M.  
**Subject:** FW: Iraq funds cutoff

fyi. jed babbin sent this and i'm forwarding to you. eric

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**From:** Jed Babbin@'(b)(6) [mailto:JedBabbin@'(b)(6)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 31, 2006 8:15 AM  
**To:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD  
**Subject:** Iraq funds cutoff

Eric: Please read this piece I did back in June. Levin is the guy who wants to cut funds off for Iraq. He said it back-handedly in Meet the Press. Details here

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**From:** JedBabbin@ (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 31, 2006 8:27 AM  
**To:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD  
**Subject:** Re: Iraq funds cutoff

My pleasure. Let's talk later.

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**From:** JedBabbin@ (b)(6)  
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**Subject:** Today's RCP: Intel Reform (Again)

The problem with the intelligence "reforms" Congress has so far perpetrated is that they've not done much to improve the product. Goldwater-Nichols, anyone?

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**Sent:** Wednesday, August 30, 2006 2:35 PM  
**To:** 'Idirita@'(b)(6)  
**Subject:** FW: Hugh Hewitt

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**From:** Latimer, Matthew Mr OSD PA  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 30, 2006 2:22 PM  
**To:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD; Whitman, Bryan SES OSD PA  
**Subject:** RE: Hugh Hewitt

Sent to SecDef:

Some Early Reaction to your Am Legion Speech:

- Yesterday Fred Barnes and Charles Krauthammer strongly defended speech. Krauthammer said question is whether this in 1939 or 1914. Fox played a good recap of the speech all day long.
- Clips on all the networks.
- NY Times story was actually fair and disproved AP story, specifically noting you didn't directly compare critics to appeasers.
- Mark Levine's national radio show opened with it. Played the theme to "Patton." Said you should be Secretary of Defense "for life." Read long excerpts.
- Chris Plante's national radio show also read long excerpts of your speech and said that the Secretary should have also mentioned... and then read a list of media slurs against our troops.
- WH reaction from Michele Davls at NSC: "Thank God someone finally said it."
- Bill Luti called: "Quite a buzz. Fantastic job. They're totally on the defensive."
- Hugh Hewitt's national radio show praises speech. His blog is attached.
- Krauthammer asked for our speeches regularly.
- Bill Bennett, Rush Limbaugh, Sean Hannity all have your speeches. Rush expected to talk about the speech today.
- We have sent letters to editor and request for correction to USA Today, LA Times and others.
- Jed Babbin is going to hold up the two differing AP stories - first the bad one and then a later better story by Bob Burns - on Larry Kudlow's TV show.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, August 30, 2006 2:20 PM  
**To:** Latimer, Matthew Mr OSD PA; Smith, Dorrance HON OSD PA; Whitman, Bryan SES OSD PA  
**Subject:** RE: Hugh Hewitt

matt, have you sent this out to the sd? "historical coma," great line... wish i had thought of it.

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**From:** Latimer, Matthew Mr OSD PA  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 30, 2006 11:30 AM  
**To:** Smith, Dorrance HON OSD PA; Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD; Whitman, Bryan SES OSD PA  
**Subject:** FW: Hugh Hewitt

Wednesday, August 30, 2006

### Stopping the Sleeping Sickness: Rumsfeld Before The American Legion

Posted by Hugh Hewitt | 9:30 AM

The Secretary of Defense delivered a speech yesterday that was as blunt as any given by any senior official since the beginning of the war. Reading it against the near total refusal of the MSM to report seriously on the attacks in San Francisco yesterday makes its message even more compelling. (The killer didn't make the front page of the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, the *Los Angeles Times*, or the *Boston Globe*. Just another terrible case of road rage that happened to start out 20 miles from San Francisco and end up taking out two pedestrians in front of the Jewish Center and 12 more in an area traditionally considered a Jewish neighborhood.)

Rumsfeld and others are attempting to prevent the country from slipping into a sort of historical coma, one which will allow the country to avoid confronting the world in which we live, and one in which certain very unpleasant events -- bombings, rampages, plots -- would not register. Thus a sharp drop in SAT scores and John Mark Carr get a massive amount of attention, but even the possibility of another terrorist attack gets waved away and the incredible text of the letter from Ahmadinejad to Chancellor Merkel is not reported on except in blots.

The exaltation of the trivial and resolute refusal to focus on the menace to the West and its sudden manifestations in the homeland -- Seattle, UNC, the El Al counter on 7/4/02, and yesterday's rampage -- is so amazing that were it not so absolutely dangerous it might be fascinating. But it is very dangerous indeed because the enemy seems to understand that nothing he says or does registers much less provokes reaction. After all, we have issued a visa to Ayatollah Khatemi even though his country is a rogue regime systematically calling for genocide and arming terrorists around the globe. While a case could be made that he must be allowed to travel to and from the UN, how is it that he is being allowed to come to Washington, and who invited him to speak at the Washington National Cathedral four days prior to the fifth anniversary of the attacks? It was from the National Cathedral that the national day of prayer and grievance proceeded five years ago, and the State Department does not understand how it might be unacceptable to allow the former leader of the world's greatest sponsor of terror -- and current Chairman of the Central Council of the Militant Clerics League -- to tread there at any time, much less in September? This decision makes me angry. How does it affect the families of the victims of terror, or the survivors of lost and wounded in the war?

Iraq is supplying the killers of our troops in Iraq, and someone invited its former leader to the National Cathedral? Someone in the State Department said "Fine by us?" This is madness. And suicidal madness. How the jihadists must laugh and celebrate our idiocy.

We have seen this sort of collective denial before, and not just in Great Britain in the '30s, but also in our government in the '90s. (This denial is presented in ABC's "The Path to 9/11" on the nights of 9/10 and 9/11.) Rumsfeld knows what is happening, and yesterday's speech was another attempt to arrest the spread of the sleeping sickness engulfing many Americans. We have to hope that it is simply deep within the MSM and the bureaucratic elites, and not among ordinary Americans.

The text of Secretary Rumsfeld's speech is here. Key excerpts:

There was a strange innocence in views of the world. Someone recently recalled one U.S. Senator's reaction in September 1939, upon hearing that Hitler had invaded Poland to start World War II. He exclaimed:

"Lord, if only I could have talked with Hitler, all this might have been avoided."

Think of that!

I recount this history because once again we face the same kind of challenges in efforts to confront the rising threat of a new type of fascism. Today, another enemy -- a different kind of enemy -- has also made clear its intentions -- in places like New York, Washington, D.C., Bali, London, Madrid, and Moscow. But it is apparent that many have still not learned history's lessons.

We need to face the following questions:

- With the growing lethality and availability of weapons, can we truly afford to believe that somehow vicious extremists can be appeased?
- Can we really continue to think that free countries can negotiate a separate peace with terrorists?
- Can we truly afford the luxury of pretending that the threats today are simply "law enforcement" problems, rather than fundamentally different threats, requiring fundamentally different approaches?
- And can we truly afford to return to the destructive view that America -- not the enemy -- is the real source of the world's trouble?

These are central questions of our time. And we must face them.

We hear everyday of new plans, new efforts, to murder Americans and other free people. Indeed, the plot recently discovered that would have killed hundreds -- possibly thousands -- of innocent men, women, and children on planes coming from Britain to the United States should have reminded us that this enemy is serious, lethal, and relentless.

But this is still -- even in 2006 -- not well recognized or fully understood. It seems that in some quarters there is more of a focus on dividing our country, than acting with unity against the gathering threats.

We find ourselves in a strange time:

- When a database search of America's leading newspapers turns up 10 times as many mentions of one of the soldiers at Abu Ghraib who were punished for misconduct, than mentions of Sergeant First Class Paul Ray Smith, the first recipient of the Medal of Honor in the Global War on Terror.
- When a senior editor at *Newweek* disparagingly refers to the brave volunteers in our Armed Forces as a "mercenary army";
- When the former head of *CNN* accuses the American military of deliberately targeting journalists and the former *CNN* Baghdad bureau chief admits he concealed reports of Saddam Hussein's crimes when he was in power so *CNN* could stay in Iraq; and
- It is a time when Amnesty International disgracefully refers to the military facility at Guantanamo Bay, which holds terrorists who have vowed to kill Americans and which is arguably the best run and most scrutinized detention facility in the history of warfare, as "the gulag of our times."

Those who know the truth need to speak out against these kinds of myths, and distortions being told about our troops and about our country.

The struggle we are in is too important -- the consequences too severe -- to have the luxury of returning to the old mentality of "Blame America First."

Rumsfeld went on:

Not so long ago, an exhibit on the Enola Gay at the Smithsonian during the 1990s seemed to try to rewrite the history of World War II by portraying the United States as an aggressor. Fortunately, the American Legion was there to lead the effort to set the record straight.

This watchdog role is even more important today in a war that is to a great extent fought in the media on a global stage -- to not allow the lies and the myths be repeated without question or challenge -- so that at least the second and third draft of history will be more accurate than the quick first allegations.

You know from experience that in every war there have been mistakes and setbacks and casualties. War is, as Clemenceau said, a "series of catastrophes that results in victory."

And in every army, there are occasionally bad actors -- the ones who dominate the headlines today -- who don't live up to the standards of their oath and of our country.

But you also know that they are a very small percentage of the hundreds of thousands of honorable men and women in all theaters in this struggle who are serving with humanity, decency and courage in the face of continuous provocation.

And that is important in this "long war," where any moral or intellectual confusion about who and what is right or wrong can weaken the ability of free societies to persevere.

Our enemies know this well. They frequently invoke the names of Beirut and Somalia -- places they see as examples of American retreat and weakness. And as we have seen -- even this month -- in Lebanon, they design attacks and manipulate the media to try to demoralize public opinion. They doctor photographs of casualties, use civilians as human shields and then provoke an outcry when civilians are accidentally killed in their midst, which of course was their intent.

The good news is that most Americans, though understandably influenced by what they read and see in the media, have good inner gyroscopes and good centers of gravity.

So I am confident that, over time, they will evaluate and reflect on what is happening in this struggle and come to wise conclusions.

Iraq, a country that was brutalized by a cruel and dangerous dictatorship is now traveling the slow, difficult, and uncertain path to secure a new future, under a representative government -- one that is at peace with its neighbors, rather than a threat to their own people, their neighbors, or to the world.

As the nature of the threat and the conflict in Iraq has changed over these past several years, so have the tactics and deployments. But while military tactics have changed and adapted to the realities on the ground, the strategy has not -- which is to empower the Iraqi people to defend, govern, and rebuild their own country.

The extremists themselves call Iraq the "epicenter" in the War on Terror. And our troops know how important their mission is.

A Soldier who recently volunteered for a second tour in Iraq, captured the feelings of many of his peers. In an e-mail to friends he wrote:

"I ask that you never take advantage of the liberties guaranteed by the shedding of free blood, never take for granted the freedoms granted by our Constitution. For those liberties would be merely ink on paper were it not for the sacrifice of generations of Americans who heard the call of duty and responded heart, mind and soul with 'Yes, I will.'"

Someday that young man may be a member of the American Legion, attending a convention such as this. I hope he will be. And one day, a future speaker may reflect back on this time of historic choice -- remembering the questions raised as to our country's courage, dedication, and willingness to persevere this fight until we prevail.

The question is not whether we can win. It is whether we have the will to persevere.

I am convinced that Americans do have that determination. And that we have learned the lessons of history, of the folly of turning a blind eye to danger. These are lessons you know well -- lessons that your heroism has helped to teach to generations of Americans.

This is an amazing and very necessary speech given by a man who has seen a great deal from very many vantage points going back many decades. He understands the war in which we find ourselves, and is urgently attempting to alert others to it. Those who don't want to be bothered want him fired or retired. That he is still there is one of the reasons why this Administration continues to receive the support of serious people focused on the real threats.

Perhaps he can now call Secretary Rice and inquire why, when so much has been required of the military and so much sacrifice made, we are allowing a terror master to roam D.C.?

UPDATE: NationalReviewOnline has a fine symposium on the appalling decision to allow Khatemi free-passage around the U.S.

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Secretary Rumsfeld's Speechwriting Group

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**From:** JedBabbin@<sup>(b)(6)</sup>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 30, 2006 10:42 AM  
**To:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD  
**Subject:** SecDef Interview request

Eric: I request a telephone interview with SecDef - any day or time between now and 1200 hrs EDT Wednesday, 6 September, for my 7 Sept. column in RealClearPolitics.com. I'd ask him about the ABM issue (what we need to do, and how he suggests we do it) and - if we have time - to elaborate on the "it's 1938 again" theme he hit in the VFW speech. I think a little more from him will go a long way. Many thanks. Best, Jed.

**Jed Babbin**

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**From:** (b)(6) CDR OSD PA  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 30, 2006 10:18 AM  
**To:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD  
**Subject:** FW: Update: 31 August trip to GTMO

Mr. Ruff,

As you requested.. Jed Babbin's info.

Vr,

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**From:** JedBabbin (b)(6) [mailto:JedBabbin@ (b)(6)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 29, 2006 6:57 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) LCDR OSD PA  
**Subject:** Re: Update: 31 August trip to GTMO

(b)(6) Sorry, but on that basis, I need to cancel for Thursday. Please count me in again soon. Best,  
Jed.

**Jed Babbin**

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(b)(6) (Mobile)

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**From:** Ruff, Eric. SES, OSD  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 30, 2006 9:23 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) Sgt OSD PA  
**Subject:** Jed babbin

Please. Call jed (contact list) and set up a time \_\_\_ 10 am today(?) For me to call him.  
Thanks.

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**From:** Latimer, Matthew Mr OSD PA  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 29, 2006 9:59 PM  
**To:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD  
**Subject:** Re:

Got it. Thx

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**From:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD  
**To:** Latimer, Matthew Mr OSD PA  
**Sent:** Tue Aug 29 21:58:52 2006  
**Subject:** Re:

Just sent you an email.

-----Original Message-----  
**From:** Latimer, Matthew Mr OSD PA  
**To:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD  
**Sent:** Tue Aug 29 21:54:47 2006  
**Subject:** Re:

And ebird?

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**To:** Latimer, Matthew Mr OSD PA; Whitman, Bryan SES OSD PA  
**Sent:** Tue Aug 29 21:53:44 2006  
**Subject:** Re:

Great! Just got a call from vinnie the commo guy in taos and he has the hard copy and by now has delivered. Told him the statement was going traveling press, dod press corps, military analysts and some talk radio, if we can get them out tonight.

-----Original Message-----  
**From:** Latimer, Matthew Mr OSD PA  
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**Sent:** Tue Aug 29 21:43:25 2006

They are reading parts of the speech verbatim on talk radio

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**From:** JedBabbin (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Monday, August 28, 2006 8:18 AM  
**To:** tmclnernev (b)(6); nashct (b)(6); Glenstrae77 (b)(6); BURM41516 (b)(6); USAGirl1957 (b)(6); WSSInter (b)(6); robertscales (b)(6); wheelerc (b)(6); twilkerson (b)(6); mgroot (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Kofi on the Road Again

Well, there he goes. Iran will be safe from sanctions and Hizballah may be a member of the UN by the time he's done.

The American Spectator

**Jed Babbin**

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**From:** (b)(6) LCDR OSD PA  
**Sent:** Friday, August 25, 2006 3:53 PM  
**To:** Whitman, Bryan SES OSD PA  
**Cc:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD; Keck, Gary L Col OSD PA; (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA; (b)(6) OSD PA  
**Subject:** 31 August trip to GTMO  
**Attachments:** MEDIA List BIOS (31 Aug 06) (3).doc

Mr. Whitman,

As per your request, this is the current manifest for the 31 August (Thurs) trip to GTMO.

The group is comprised of a handful of Radio Talk Show hosts, 1 WSJ columnist and 2 analysts.

Mr. James Taranto is going to interview RDML Harris and will write an in-depth piece around 1,800 words that will run in the Saturday, 9 Sept Journal.

The plan is to provide the group the typical DV/JVB itinerary which includes briefs in the skiff by RDML Harris, CAPT (b)(6) JDG, JMG, OARDEC, etc.

The visit will also include a tour of Camps 4,5,6, Detention Hospital, and Camp X-Ray.

We fly out from Andrews at 0700 and plan to return by 1930.

We have also added Mr. Ruff on the Country Clearance message to GTMO, just in case. Bios are attached.

VR,

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#### RADIO

1	Mark Davis	Mark Davis Show (Dallas, Ft Worth)
2	Bill LuMaye	News-Talk 680 WPTF (Raleigh, NC)
3	Kirby Wilbur	KVI 570 in Seattle.
4	Steve Gill	The Steve Gill Show (Nashville)
5	Scottie Hughes	The Steve Gill Show (Producer and Anchor)

#### PRINT

6	James Taranto	Wall Street Journal
8	Richard Minter	Writer/Columnist
	<b>Military Analysts</b>	
9	Jed Babbin	
10	Dr. James Carafano	Heritage Foundation
11	Cully Stimson (DASD-DA)	
12	BG Hemingway (OMC)	

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**MEDIA GROUP - GTMO Visit (31 Aug 06)**

**(Eight total)**

<b>Jed Babbin</b>	The Laura Ingraham Show
<b>Mark Davis</b>	The Mark Davis Show
<b>Steve Gill</b>	The Steve Gill Show
<b>Scottie Hughes</b>	The Steve Gill Show (Producer and Anchor)
<b>Bill LuMaye</b>	News-Talk 680 WPTF in Raleigh, NC
<b>Kirby Wilbur</b>	KVI 570 in Seattle
<b>(Print media)</b>	
<b>James Taranto</b>	Wall Street Journal

**Jed Babbin**  
**The Laura Ingraham Show**  
**Monday - Friday: 9 AM - Noon; ET**



Jed Babbin is the best-selling author of "Inside the Asylum: Why the UN and Old Europe Are Worse than You Think" (Regnery 2004). He is a former Air Force officer who served as a deputy undersecretary of defense in the first Bush administration.

Mr. Babbin is a contributing editor for the American Spectator Magazine. His weekly column, "Loose Canons," appears in The American Spectator Online. Mr. Babbin's expertise is in national security and foreign affairs. However, he also writes about legal matters and for The American Spectator's "Saloon" series on subjects such as single-barrel bourbon and fine cigars.

Mr. Babbin is a military analyst and appears frequently on the Fox News Channel and MSNBC, on shows such as The O'Reilly Factor, Scarborough Country, and many others. He also often serves as a guest host on top-rated talk radio shows including Hugh Hewitt (Salem Radio Networj), John Batchelor Show (ABC Radio) and has also subbed for Laura Ingraham (TRN), Mark Larson (KOGO) and Greg Garrison (WIBC). He began substitute hosting for Lt. Col. Oliver North's "Common Sense Radio" program in the 1990s. Mr. Babbin wrote the novel, Legacy of Valor (Pentland Press, 2000).

Mr. Babbin is a graduate of Stevens Institute of Technology (B.E. 1970), Cumberland School of Law (J.D. 1973) and the Georgetown University Law School (LL.M. 1978).

**Mark Davis/"The Mark Davis Show"**

**WBAP 820 Dallas/Ft. Worth**

**Weekdays: 9:00 AM - 11:45 AM CT**



Host of the most popular local talk show in Dallas/Fort Worth, Mark Davis took the Metroplex by storm in March, 1994 when he arrived at WBAP. Years of ratings dominance have followed in his 9 a.m. to noon time slot.

A journalism graduate of the University of Maryland, Mark began his career as a radio reporter in West Virginia and Florida. His first talk show opportunity arose at 24 in Jacksonville. The years thereafter led to popular shows in Memphis and Washington, DC before a return to his native Texas.

Winner of three "Achievement in Radio" (AIR) awards in Washington, he has been honored in his WBAP career with awards for commentary from the Texas Associated Press and a Katie award from the Dallas Press Club.

After eight years as a columnist for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, Mark joined the op-ed page of the Dallas Morning News in 2004. He is a regular guest discussing current events on KDFW Fox 4's "Good Day," and is invited often to discuss news events on Fox News, CNN and MSNBC.

Mark enjoys travel, history, and the winter Olympic sport of curling. He is often on the road for speaking engagements and charity activities. He and his wife Lisa live in Keller, TX with daughter Regina, 13, and son Ethan, 2.

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**Steve Gill**

99.7 FM WWTN; Nashville

Monday - Friday: 5:30 - 9:00 AM CT



Steve Gill is an attorney and host of the most influential talk show in middle Tennessee. Business Tennessee recently named him among the "100 Most Powerful People in Tennessee" for the second straight year and Nashville Post business magazine has twice recognized him as the most powerful media personality in middle Tennessee. He was also recently named among the 100 Most Influential Talk Radio Hosts in America by Talkers Magazine.

Gill received 2000 and 2002 AIR (Achievement in Radio) Awards as the Best Talk Host in the Nashville market and has twice received recognition as a Hero of the Taxpayers from Americans for Tax Reform for his leadership in opposing a state income tax in Tennessee. In 2005, he was named Nashville's "Best Conservative" by the Nashville Scene.

Gill received both his undergraduate degree (Honors History) and his law degree from the University of Tennessee, where he played varsity basketball on the 1977 Southeastern Conference Champion team, was President of the Student Body, President of Omicron Delta Kappa, and Student Member of the Board of Trustees.

In 1992 he was appointed to a White House Fellowship by President George Bush and served as Director of Intergovernmental Affairs for the U.S. Trade Representative in the Executive Office of the President. During his Fellowship year, Gill served in both the Bush and Clinton Administrations.

Gill was on the adjunct faculty of Belmont University from 1991 to 2003, teaching international business, business law and negotiations at both the graduate and undergraduate level. He has been a Contributing Editor for Tennessee Business magazine; a Legal Columnist for Advantage magazine; a columnist for In Review newspaper; and is co-author of Tennessee Environmental Law, published by Federal Publications in 1992. He is a weekly columnist for several newspapers in Tennessee, including the Lebanon Democrat, the Smithville Review, the Macon County Chronicle, the Dale Hollow Horizon, the Milan Mirror Exchange, the I-24 Exchange, the Shelbyville Times-Gazette, and the Mt. Juliet News.

**Scottie Hughes** is the Executive Producer and News Anchor for the statewide syndicated 'The Steve Gill Show' which airs on over 15 stations across Tennessee.

Over the past five years, Scottie has organized broadcast from the 2004 Republican and Democrat National Conventions, The New Hampshire Primary, The White House, The Pentagon and was assigned to the White House Press Core for Inauguration 2004. In 2005, she was awarded a Nashville Air Award for her work on the Democratic National Convention. She also was apart of the first group of Radio Talk Show Host hosted by the Department of Defense to travel to the frontlines of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Hughes received her degree from the University of Tennessee at Martin (Communication and Political Science) where she graduated Magna Cum Laude and a member of Order of Omega and Charter Member of Gamma Sigma Alpha. She also served on the University of Tennessee Board Of Trustees Presidential Search Committee, Assistant Student Body Secretary, Undergraduate Alumni Council, Editor of "The Sprit" Yearbook, and host of "What's Happening at UTM." In 1998, she was awarded The Young Broadcaster of the Year for the State of Tennessee.

Outside of the office, Scottie has served as Press Secretary for the Tennessee Federation of Republican Women, Reporter for the Americans for Tax Reform Tennessee Center Right Coalition, Alumni Advisor for the Delta Mu Chapter of Zeta Tau Alpha and a Member of Tennessee Women in Journalism, Hendersonville Women's Club, Nashville Junior Chamber of Commerce, and the Junior League of Nashville. She also helped create an endowment for the late Professor Dorotha Norton and was awarded the Presidential Award by the Tennessee Wildlife Federation for her work with the Naturelink Program.

Just Married this past May, Scottie lives with her husband Chris, who currently serves as County Commissioner in Hendersonville, Tennessee.

**Bill LuMaye**  
680 WPTF Raleigh, NC  
Monday – Friday: 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM EDT



Bill LuMaye grew up in Green Bay Wisconsin. His radio career began in 1980 in his home-town and has rewarded him in many ways. Bill's calling has brought him awards like a Grammy and National Clio. His recording background includes movies and national television and radio. But his real passion is talk radio. Bill was the first radio host to be embedded with our troops in Iraq. Broadcasting the week before Christmas, the men and women of the 432nd Civil Affairs unit, celebrated the capture of Saddam, dodged incoming RPG shells and talked with their loved ones via the Bill LuMaye Show live from Iraq. Bill's tour of Iraq took him deep into the Sunni triangle to Ramdi, Fallujah, Hadithan Dam, near the Syrian border, and Baghdad. This life changing adventure gave Bill a unique perspective of our successes and failures in the war on terror and a newfound admiration for our soldiers and their families.

Bill's investigative skills have led to the conviction of a County District Attorney, the re-opening of suspicious and questionable criminal convictions by the Wisconsin Attorney General resulting in the release of two innocent men who have served a combined total of 21 years in a maximum security prison, and the conviction of a corrupt social worker.

Bill has a deep commitment in family, pride in his country and belief in the freedom of expression. His views are not left or right, republican or democrat, liberal or conservative but rather a common sense examination of what is simply...right and wrong.

**Kirby Wilbur**  
**KVI-AM Seattle, Washington**



Kirby Wilbur was born in Washington DC and moved to Seattle at the age of 8. He attended the University of Washington and majored in History. He has also attended Hillsdale College and Georgetown University for special study programs.

Kirby worked for the King County Assessor and for several private firms as a real estate appraiser before starting his own company, Liberty Consultants in 1984. He began working at KVI in July 1993, doing the 9PM - Midnight shift, before beginning morning drive in January 1995.

He has been involved in the conservative movement and the Republican party since high school. He has served as state Young Republican chairman, a legislative district chairman, and county and state platform chairman. He has been an alternate once and delegate three times to national conventions. He has also been a candidate for public office.

He has appeared on Hannity and Colmes, Politically Incorrect and CNN's Talk Back. He was recently named one of the top 100 talk show hosts in America by Talkers magazine. Memberships include the Tailhook Society, the United States Naval Institute and life memberships in the International Churchill Society and the National Rifle Association. He is an Associate of Hillsdale College.

Kirby and his wife met during the 1980 Reagan campaign. He lives in Duvall with his wife and two sons. He teaches US History and American Government and Economics two days a week in a home school coop. He is the co-author, with Floyd Brown, of Say the Right Thing, a collection of conservative quotations. His heroes are Ronald Reagan, Margaret Thatcher, Winston Churchill and the Founding Fathers, particularly the Virginians. He also serves as an elder in his church, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church.

## James Taranto

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

**James Taranto** (born 1966) is a Manhattan-based columnist for *The Wall Street Journal* and editor of its online editorial page, OpinionJournal.com. He is best known for his daily online column, entitled *Best of the Web Today*, in which he links to and comments on news stories and Web sites submitted by readers.

Most of Taranto's commentary is politically oriented and conservative/libertarian in perspective. He mercilessly lambastes various public figures and organizations, from John Kerry, invariably described as "the haughty, French-looking Massachusetts Democrat, who by the way served in Vietnam," to Reuters, headlines about which always involve excessive use of quotes in mockery of the service's overuse of what Taranto calls "scare quotes." He has voiced his support for the Roe effect theory, which proposes that parents who support abortion will have fewer children, causing support for abortion to decline among young people.

*Best of the Web* also includes non-political items which are concerned with journalism nationwide. Often-seen titles are "You Don't Say," "This Just In," or "Stop the Presses," followed by a common-sense headline such as "Shedding a Few Pounds Beneficial for Obese" (June 1, 2004) or "Sperm May Play Role in Growth of Embryo" (May 13, 2004). Another commonly-used title is "What Would We Do Without Experts?," followed by headlines such as "Experts Remind Staying Warm Important After Cold Contributes to 5 Deaths" (January 7, 2004).

Taranto exposes what he sees as overly harsh punishment of minor drug- or weapon-related offenses in schools under the title "Zero-Tolerance Watch." He corrects his previous mistakes under the title "Homer Nods" and counteracts what he sees as liberal bias in the news by maintaining a "Good News Watch" on the 2003 Iraq war and the subsequent U.S.-led occupation of Iraq.

Mr. Taranto attended California State University, Northridge.

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From: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
Sent: Friday, August 25, 2006 1:42 PM  
To: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA; (b)(6) CTR, OASD-PA  
Subject: RE: Military Analysts

Please make sure we add roxie to the country clearance trip to iraq.

Dallas B. Lawrence

Director, Office of Community Relations & Public Liaison

United States Department of Defense

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To: (b)(6) LCDR OSD PA; Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
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Subject: Re: Military Analysts

Excellent.

Thx

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Sent: Fri Aug 25 13:35:31 2006  
Subject: RE: Military Analysts

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Just called him and he will go. Great and thanks!

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From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
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To: (b)(6) LCDR OSD PA; Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
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Sent: Fri Aug 25 10:43:21 2006  
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**From:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD  
**Sent:** Friday, August 25, 2006 1:42 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) LCDR OSD PA  
**Subject:** Re: CONOPS for OSD Media Analyst visits

Okay, thanks.

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**From:** (b)(6) LCDR OSD PA  
**To:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD  
**Sent:** Fri Aug 25 12:51:09 2006  
**Subject:** FW: CONOPS for OSD Media Analyst visits

Mr. Ruff,

Sir (per email below), JTF-GTMO will not entertain any exclusive interviews for any of our media trips.

I have informed James Taranto about this and explained to him that there will plenty of opportunity to talk one-on-one with RDML Harris during the tour and for the most part, he is satisfied with this. Also Mr. Taranto is welcomed to call RDML Harris via phone after the visit for any follow-ups.

Provided below is our latest manifest. We have added columnist and writer, Richard Minter (since one radio host dropped out)

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LCDR (b)(6) (OSD-PA)

From: (b)(6) CDR USSOUTHCOM JTFGTMO  
[mailto:(b)(6)]  
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2006 6:55 PM  
To: (b)(6) CIV, OSD-POLICY; Gordon, Jeffrey D LCDR OSD PA; (b)(6) LCDR  
OSD PA; (b)(6) COL (L); (b)(6) LTC (L); (b)(6) Col  
(L); (b)(6) LCDR (L)  
Cc: (b)(6) LTC USSOUTHCOM JTFGTMO; (b)(6) CPT USSOUTHCOM JTFGTMO  
Subject: CONOPS for OSD Media Analyst visit.

Alcon,

Just a quick note to get us on the same page for the upcoming OSD military analysts and media visits. I offer this primarily to ensure that we don't promise anything to our visitors that we aren't able to support.

Setting the correct expectations with our guests of what the day will be like goes a long way in ensuring that they feel their time was well spent and we didn't fail to deliver on any promises.

These visitors are treated like the DVs they are, and while some are working media, the visit is treated from start to finish as a JVB function with PA support, not a routine media visit.

From start to finish, the visitors get the same type of visit that we give to governors, senators, ambassadors and others. They get an in-depth brief from the admiral and the head of the Joint Intelligence Group and a brief from the FBI. The commander's senior staff, including the SJA, the head of OARDEC, the JDG and JMG and others are in attendance at the briefings and available to answer questions. This is followed by tours led by the commander of the Joint Detention Group and the Joint Medical Group.

What they don't get on a one-day down-and-back trip is the opportunity to do individual interviews. What we have done with some of the radio folks was allow them to break contact for a brief (15 minute) call-in to their show, which was being hosted by someone else. That allowed them to go "live" from GTMO. The call-in was solo, not a live interview with anyone from the JTF staff.

For the overwhelming majority of guests, this has worked well. For those who want more, we are more than happy to set up a longer, "working" media visit or phone interviews in the future as appropriate. And when they come back, they will have the full attention of our media relations team to get them all the interviews they want. But trying to make a working media visit fit into a DV/JVB-style visit is not workable, and trying to do something extra special for one (exclusive interviews) makes it unfair for the others.

JTF GTMO understands that these visits are extremely important to our media outreach efforts. They pay dividends for months down the road. The admiral devotes the entire day to these visitors, and considerable staff effort into making sure they go smoothly and are informative.

Thank you all for your hard work in putting these together; you are bringing us an important group of people who can help tell the GTMO story.

Vr,

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Commander, U.S. Navy  
Director of Public Affairs  
Joint Task Force - Guantanamo  
"Honor Bound to Defend Freedom"

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Subject: RE: Military Analysts

Dr. James Jay Carafano (LTC, USA, Retired) Senior Fellow The Kathryn and Shelby Cullom Davis Institute for International Studies The Heritage Foundation  
214 Massachusetts Avenue, NE  
Washington, DC 20002

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wheeler@<sup>(b)(6)</sup> twilkerson@<sup>(b)(6)</sup> mgroot@<sup>(b)(6)</sup>  
**Subject:** Odd Request

Ok, are there any of us who is fluent in Japanese? I interviewed with a Japanese magazine, Sapio, on my China book. They have a spread on it that runs about six pages. Trouble is, I can't read one single symbol. Any ideas? Thanks. Jed.

**Jed Babbin**

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**From:** JedBabbin@ (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Friday, August 25, 2006 8:31 AM  
**To:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
**Subject:** Re: Today's RCP: The 527 Media

Ok; let's talk.

**Jed Babbin**

(b)(6) (Home office)  
(b)(6) (Mobile)

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**From:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
**Sent:** Friday, August 25, 2006 8:28 AM  
**To:** JedBabbin@ (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Today's RCP: The 527 Media

Will do. I'd love to get Allison on one of your national shows to pitch the freedom walk this year. We have more than 65 communities hosting walks around 9-11 to support our troops and we'd love to push people to the website to find their nearest walk.

Dallas B. Lawrence

Director, Office of Community Relations & Public Liaison

United States Department of Defense

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**From:** JedBabbin@ (b)(6) [mailto:JedBabbin@ (b)(6)]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 25, 2006 8:04 AM  
**To:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
**Subject:** Re: Today's RCP: The 527 Media

D: no worries; on the air til 9 subbing for Bill Bennett. Let's talk after on my cell. Thanks.

Jed Babbin

(b)(6) (Home office)  
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**From:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
**Sent:** Friday, August 25, 2006 8:02 AM  
**To:** 'JedBabbin@'(b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Today's RCP: The 527 Media

Jed,

I believe I have been remiss in replying to a voicemail from you. What can I get you? Sorry about that I was buried this week.

Dallas B. Lawrence

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ShepDonald@'(b)(6); imgroot@'(b)(6)  
**Subject:** Today's RCP: The 527 Media

These guys will hijack the election if the Repubs don't watch out.

RealClearPolitics - Articles - Taking on the '527 Media'

**Jed Babbin**

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**From:** wssinter (b)(6)  
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nate.fredman (b)(6); gavin.gibbons (b)(6); Hannity (b)(6);  
mikejerrick (b)(6); kim.bell-simensky (b)(6); Lauren.clabby (b)(6);  
Mary.Ragsdale (b)(6); michael.skrzenski (b)(6);  
rob.monaco (b)(6); rsmith (b)(6); Tara.New (b)(6);  
Tom (b)(6); Bill.cowan (b)(6); PAULVALLELY (b)(6);  
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sean.mcgrane (b)(6); Andrew.Napolitano (b)(6);  
**Subject:** Simmons - America Falling from Within

To many of us, the thought of Communism and Communist's conger up the black and white TV replays of the McCarthy hearings and Kruschev vs. Kennedy during the Cuban missile crisis. For the majority of the post WWII era, until the late 60's, it was virtually impossible for an American politician to confess to being a Socialist or Communist. Not today folks. Our generation, the "Baby Boomers" and "Children of the 60's" now calling themselves, Progresses, have succeeded in completely and totally hijacking the Democratic Party. My deceased father, a retired Gunners mate and Federal employee, would not recognize the party of the working man. Not that I ever could. For years I have studied these purveyors of destruction to all that is sacred to America. I recognized years ago, as I conveyed this week to my friend, Col. David Hunt, that the fabric of the US is in big trouble. Not just with the nuclear despots we fight abroad but brick by America the Beautiful brick from inside our own US Congress. These attacks against America are coming from the Congressional Black Caucus and the leaders of the Democratic Party. I have used a word on radio to describe our enemy inside the US Congress and the press and many who heard me, cringed as if to say that my descriptions were too harsh and wild or off the reservation. For those who feel that it is irresponsible to use the word Communist to describe members of the US Congress I say, WAKE UP AND SHOW SOME RESPONSIBILITY. America is falling from within. We all talk about the enemies we face around the world and those attacking our borders. Yet many are afraid or indifferent to those enemies inside our borders. Inside our most sacred, hallowed halls. I have included a link to one of the most frightening, most insightful and well researched articles on this enemy I have read. [http://www.postchronicle.com/commentary/opinion/article\\_21219819.shtml](http://www.postchronicle.com/commentary/opinion/article_21219819.shtml) It all ties into my buddy, Jed Babbins article in RCP today [http://www.realclearpolitics.com/articles/2006/08/taking\\_on\\_the\\_527\\_media.html](http://www.realclearpolitics.com/articles/2006/08/taking_on_the_527_media.html) Jed consistently writes timely, accurate pieces but never have his works been more timely than today. We cannot let the Communist's stay in congress or in the press. They must be exposed. Drawn into the light. We fell asleep at the switch and without firing a shot, the Cold War enemy that President Reagan knocked out, awakened inside our government. I hope that many will eventually get the message of this takeover/hijacking of an American political party. I am in desperate need of encouragement of our will to be America the Great.

Take care.  
Wayne

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(b)(6)

**From:** (b)(6) LCDR OSD PA  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 22, 2006 4:34 PM  
**To:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD  
**Subject:** FW: Media Visit Update  
**Attachments:** Country Clearance GTMO (31 Aug 06) DRAFT.doc

Mr. Ruff,

Sir, there's still no confirmation on a flight despite the fact that the milair request went out last Friday.

Country clearance message is attached.

VR,

(b)(6)

**From:** (b)(6) CIV, OSD-POLICY  
**Sent:** Monday, August 21, 2006 5:00 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) LCDR (L); (b)(6) CDR USSOUTHCOM JTFGTMO; (b)(6) LTC USSOUTHCOM JTFGTMO  
**Cc:** (b)(6) LTC (L); (b)(6) LCDR OSD PA; (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA; (b)(6) CIV, OSD-POLICY  
**Subject:** FY1: Media Visit Update

All concerned,  
Just want to keep you informed on where we are on the 31 Aug media visit.  
If you have any questions, pls let me know.  
Thank you,

VR,

(b)(6)

Director, External Affairs  
OSD/OUSD(P), Detainee Affairs  
Pentagon Room 5E420

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(b)(6)

**GTMO Outreach Update**

The milair request for the Aug. 31 media visit to GTMO went out Friday (Aug. 18).  
The current participant list of media (coordinated through DOD PA - LCDR (b)(6)) includes six radio journalists and two print journalists.

I've drafted the country/theater clearance but need a mission number and aircraft before we can send the message. (See attached DRAFT message.)

I'm also checking on whether I can put in another milair request that includes all the other dates after Aug. 31 to allow early scheduling of the aircraft.

Below are the dates for the other 5 visits. I'll be in touch.



Country Clearance  
GTMO (31 Aug...

**CALENDAR 2006**

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**OUTREACH - Military Analysts and Media Visits to GTMO (Aug - Nov)**

The intent is for DOD PA to coordinate the invites and confirm the individuals from the compiled list of analysts and media. Each trip will include about 10 participants, DOD PA and the DASD DA. The group leaves from Washington, D.C. and return the same day.

**1. Military Analysts - two trips - handled separately from the media visits**

27 SEP and

18 OCT

**2. Media Groups - four trips with various media outlets**

31 AUG

11 OCT

25 OCT

1 NOV

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Aug. 22	State visit - Amb. Clint Williamson (SWCI)
Aug. 28 - 29	ASD & DASD DA trip to CentCom/SouthCom and GTMO
Aug. 28 - 1 Sep	American Corrections Associations (ACA) visit to GTMO
Aug. 31	MEDIA Visit
Sep. 4	Holiday (Labor Day)
Sep. 11	9/11 Fifth Anniversary - Radio Day
Sep. 6 - 12	(T) DASD DA TDY
Sep. 18 - 19	UK Foreign Affairs visit (T)
Sep. 27	MILANALYST Visit
Oct. 11	MEDIA Visit
Oct. 18	MILANALYST Visit
Oct. 25	MEDIA Visit
Nov. 1	MEDIA Visit
Nov. 23	Holiday (Thanksgiving)

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**From:** JedBabbin@ (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Monday, August 21, 2006 7:22 AM  
**To:** tmcinerney (b)(6); nashct (b)(6); Glenstrae77 (b)(6); BURM41516 (b)(6); USA.Girl1957 (b)(6); WSSInter (b)(6); robertscales (b)(6); wheelerc (b)(6); twilkerson (b)(6); mgroot (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Profiling and Fascism: Today's TAS

The First Amendment is under assault by those such as CAIR who want to stifle the debate we need to have about profiling at airports. This is a most dangerous development for all of us.

The American Spectator

**Jed Babbin**

(b)(6) (home office)  
(b)(6) (home fax)  
(b)(6) (mobile)

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6) CIV, OSD  
Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2006 2:01 PM  
To: Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD  
Cc: (b)(6) CIV, OSD  
Subject: RE: trip for 31 Aug

Eric:

Haven't seen the package yet...; I'm sure the DSD will sign it once we get it.

Cheers, (b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD [mailto:Eric.Ruff@(b)(6)]  
Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2006 10:38 AM  
To: (b)(6) CIV, OSD  
Subject: FW: trip for 31 Aug

(b)(6)

as you may be aware, cully and osdpa are trying to get more visits into gtmo and have one planned for 8/31. as you can ascertain from chito peppler's email immediately below, we have 8 confirmed media -- mostly talk radio from out of town.

obviously the sooner they can be told we have an aircraft to fly them from andrews to gtmo, the better it will be for their ticket purchasing, planning, etc. any chance the dsd can sign the paperwork that bryan del monte mentions in his email, which is also below? thanks, eric

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) LCDR OSD PA  
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2006 4:07 PM  
To: Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD  
Cc: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA; Gordon, Jeffrey D LCDR OSD PA  
Subject: FW: trip for 31 Aug

Mr. Ruff,

Currently we have 8 media personnel on the manifest with the majority been radio talk show hosts (all with the exception of Jed Babbin is from out of town and need to purchase plane tix.)

Sir, in light of the fact that we may not get confirmation on a MILAIR flight till Monday or Tues of next week (and only about a week in advance of the 31 Aug GTMO trip), would it be a good idea to start inviting military analysts who are local and could be more flexible?

VR,  
(b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) CIV, OSD-POLICY  
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2006 2:01 PM  
To: (b)(6) CIV, OSD-POLICY; Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD (b)(6) LCDR OSD PA  
Cc: (b)(6) CIV, OSD-POLICY; (b)(6) CIV, USA, OSD-POLICY; Stimson, Charles D. (Cully), CIV, OSD-POLICY; (b)(6) DoD OGC; Stimson, Charles D.  
Subject: RE: trip for 31 Aug

ALL,

The issue was discussed before the Deputy Secretary of Defense today. Policy and GC have

resolved their issues and I think the memo looks very good. I think we will likely get the package up for signatures today or tomorrow and we will have DSD signatures perhaps as early as Friday. The DSD's office is aware this is coming and will ensure the DSD gets it as soon as we are complete. I have every confidence that mil-air will be approved.

Until the DSD signs the memo - we should not request mil-air assets as we have not obtained authority to do so. I do not believe we should discuss planes or transportation until the DSD has put "pen to paper."

We do not need OSD-PA to assist in getting the plane at this time, but thanks. Once we get the authority - (b)(6) should send the MILAIR requests to the executive secretary for all the contemplated trips and they will begin locating aircraft... The first trip being the obvious priority.

Thanks much. Will keep all apprised if things change.

(b)(6)

-----Original Message-----  
From: (b)(6) CIV, OSD-POLICY  
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2006 12:46 PM  
To: (b)(6) CIV, OSD-POLICY  
Subject: Fw: trip for 31 Aug

(b)(6)

Can you talk to (b)(6) about the milair? We can't reqst or lock anything in until the memo is signed, right?  
Any luck with getting OGC to concur?  
Thanks - I'll follow up with a call next break.

(b)(6)

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Sent from my wireless handheld

-----Original Message-----  
From: (b)(6) LCDR OSD PA  
To: (b)(6) CIV, OSD-POLICY  
CC: (b)(6) CIV, OSD-POLICY; (b)(6) CIV, USA, OSD-POLICY; (b)(6)  
CIV, OASD-PA  
Sent: Wed Aug 16 10:45:38 2006  
Subject: RE: WSJ exclusive interview request for 31 Aug

(b)(6)

I just met w/ Mr. Ruff again. We are concerned about not having a flight, yet.  
Who is locking in our airplane? Would you like me to help make some calls?

Thx

(b)(6)

-----Original Message-----  
From: (b)(6) CIV, OSD-POLICY  
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2006 6:39 PM  
To: (b)(6) LCDR OSD PA  
Cc: (b)(6) CIV, OSD-POLICY; (b)(6) CIV, USA, OSD-POLICY; (b)(6)  
CIV, OASD-PA  
Subject: Re: WSJ exclusive interview request for 31 Aug

(b)(6)

CDR (b)(6) spoke to GTMO and they can do the 31st, so would prefer that date for the trip. Pls contact Gen Hemingway and invite him, but I don't know if he'll be able to go. I'll work on getting on Cully's sched for the mtg you're suggesting when I get back Thurs.  
Thanks (b)(6)

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Sent from my wireless handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) LCDR OSD PA  
To: (b)(6) CIV, OSD-POLICY; (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
CC: (b)(6); (b)(6) Gordon,  
Jeffrey D LCDR OSD PA; (b)(6) CIV, OSD-POLICY; (b)(6) Maj, DoD OGC;  
(b)(6) LTC USSOUTHCOM JTFGTMO; (b)(6) CDR USSOUTHCOM JTFGTMO

Sent: Tue Aug 15 15:11:06 2006  
Subject: RE: WSJ exclusive interview request for 31 Aug

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(b)(6) and I just met with Mr. Ruff and we called Mr. (b)(6)

This first trip is morphing into a Radio Talk Show Host trip with James Taranto as the only columnist. Also OSD-PA believes that a private interview with RDML Harris is a great idea. During this time, it may be a good idea to have the JDG and JIG Commanders avail for radio interviews.

We would also like BG Hemingway to fly down to discuss OMC.

We are firming up for the 31st. When can we get a confirmation on the aircraft?

Also next week, Mr. Ruff would like to meet with Mr. Stimson and/or Mr. (b)(6) and Mr. Whitman to discuss the plan of action.

VR.

(b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) CIV, OSD-POLICY  
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2006 10:36 AM  
To: (b)(6) LCDR OSD PA; (b)(6)  
(b)(6) Gordon, Jeffrey D LCDR OSD PA; (b)(6) CIV,  
OASD-PA  
Subject: Re: WSJ exclusive interview request for 30 Aug

(b)(6)

Pls hold on this. I'll call Mr. (b)(6) and others but we don't have a plane for the 30th, so you're ahead of the game. Wait on any further invites pls. I'll get back to you soonest. (b)(6)

Sent from my wireless handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) LCDR OSD PA  
To: (b)(6) CDR USSOUTHCOM JTFGTMO; (b)(6) LTC USSOUTHCOM JTFGTMO;  
(b)(6) CIV, OSD-POLICY; Gordon, Jeffrey D LCDR OSD PA; (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA

Sent: Tue Aug 15 08:12:15 2006  
Subject: FW: WSJ exclusive interview request for 30 Aug

CDR (b)(6)

What do you think of this request from the WSJ. We are planning on no more than 10 pax on the 30 Aug flight with the heaviest hitter been James Taranto. So far, the rest are radio talk show hosts (Perhaps we may have some analysts onboard this flight also).

Will the RDML have time in his packed schedule to support a 30 mins - 1 hour private interview with James Taranto? Is this something we want to support? Will the rest of the

media object the exclusivity?

Commitments so far for 30 Aug:

Mark Davis

Mark Davis Show

Bill LuMaye

Kirby Wilbur

KVI 570 in Seattle.

PRINT

James Taranto

Wall Street Journal

VR,

(b)(6)

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From: Taranto, James [mailto:James.Taranto@<sup>(b)(6)</sup>]  
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2006 9:58 PM  
To: (b)(6) LCDR OSD PA  
Subject: RE: One Day Trip to Guantanamo

Cmdr <sup>(b)(6)</sup> - I've been talking with my colleagues, and what I'd like to do is a Weekend Interview with Adm. Harris. This is a fairly in-depth piece, usually 1,700 to 1,800 words, that runs in the Saturday Journal. In case you're not familiar with the form, here are the ones I've done:

Mitt Romney: <http://www.opinionjournal.com/editorial/feature.html?id=110007755>  
<<http://www.opinionjournal.com/editorial/feature.html?id=110007755>>

Dick Cheney: <http://www.opinionjournal.com/editorial/feature.html?id=110007885>  
<<http://www.opinionjournal.com/editorial/feature.html?id=110007885>>

Michael Steele: <http://www.opinionjournal.com/editorial/feature.html?id=110008205>  
<<http://www.opinionjournal.com/editorial/feature.html?id=110008205>>

Ned Lamont: <http://www.opinionjournal.com/editorial/feature.html?id=110008373>  
<<http://www.opinionjournal.com/editorial/feature.html?id=110008373>>

Rep. Christopher Shays: <http://www.opinionjournal.com/editorial/feature.html?id=110008753>

Assuming that the Aug. 30 trip goes on as planned, the idea would be to have this appear Sept. 9, pegged to the 9/11 anniversary. Usually I like to spend an hour with the subject of the interview (though the vice president only gave us half an hour), but in this case I think less time would be necessary since I'd get a lot of material during the tour. My question is, would Adm. Harris be able to give me, say, half an hour after the tour for follow-up questions? Ideally this would be a private interview--i.e., no other journalists present.

Please let me know if this is workable. In any case, thanks for your help and I'm looking forward to the trip. Cheers, James

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) LCDR OSD PA [mailto:(b)(6)]  
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2006 1:31 PM  
To: Taranto, James  
Subject: One Day Trip to Guantanamo

Mr. Taranto.

Greetings. I am writing to offer the special opportunity to visit the U.S. Joint Task Force at Guantanamo Bay. We would be honored to have you attend a one-day trip to Guantanamo either on Wednesday, August 30th or on another Wednesday, at your convenience, in late September through early November 2006. These are the following dates: 27 or 28 Sept, 11 or 12 Oct, 25 or 26 Oct and 1 or 2 Nov 2006.

As the Secretary of Defense and others have noted, Guantanamo is the world's most transparent detention facility in the history of warfare. As such, the Joint Task Force has hosted over 1,000 journalists from over 40 countries over the past several years.

To help ensure that U.S. and international publics have a better appreciation and understanding of our detention operations and the role they play in the War on Terror, we routinely conduct tours for a wide variety of press and community leaders. We are proud of the outstanding work done each day, 365 days a year, by our Sailors, Soldiers, Airmen and Marines at Guantanamo. They are playing a vital role in helping to keep this country safe from Al Qaeda, Taliban and their supporters who were picked up on the battlefield in Afghanistan and vicinity during Operation Enduring Freedom in the aftermath of 9/11.

The tentative media plan would feature a military aircraft departing Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland, around 7:00 am and return back to Andrews at about 7:30 pm.

Your tour group consisting of a small group of journalists and Defense Department escorts would spend roughly six hours in Guantanamo Bay and would be given a comprehensive tour of the Camp and support facilities.

While on the island, you will be escorted by the Joint Task Force Commander, Rear Admiral Harry Harris. Admiral Harris and the JTF staff, will provide a complete tour of the detention facility to include tours of Camps 1, 4 and 5 as well as a tour of an interrogation room, the Detainee Hospital and the food service facilities. There will also be an opportunity to interview Admiral Harris as well as other members of his staff, at your request.

We believe that these round of media trips will be informative, timely and most appropriate in light of the 9/11 5-year anniversary and the military commission legislation debate on Capitol Hill later this year.

Sincerely,

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Lieutenant Commander, U.S. Navy

Public Affairs Officer (PAO)

OSD-PA

Office for the Administrative Review of the Detention of Enemy Combatants

(OARDEC)

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DSN: (b)(2)

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**From:** JedBabbin@ (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 17, 2006 7:48 AM  
**To:** tmcinerney@ (b)(6) nashct@ (b)(6) Glenstrae77@ (b)(6) BURM41516@ (b)(6)  
USAGIr1957@ (b)(6) WSSInter@ (b)(6) roberthscales@ (b)(6)  
wheeler@ (b)(6) twilkerson@ (b)(6) mgroot@ (b)(6)  
**Subject:** The Cease Fire - Today's RCP

Now that we've bought into a fiction, what price shall the enemy exact?

RealClearPolitics - Articles - The New Middle East

**Jed Babbin**

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(b)(6) (mobile)

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**From:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 15, 2006 4:10 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Subject:** (b)(6) lets make sure we get wayne simmons to iraq

Dallas B. Lawrence

Director, Office of Community Relations & Public Liaison

United States Department of Defense

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(b)(6)

**From:** Haddock, Ellen (Katie), Col, OCJCS/PA  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 15, 2006 10:24 AM  
**To:** JedBabbin@ (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD; Whitman, Bryan SES OSD PA; Pittman, Hal E. CAPT OVCJCS/PA  
**Subject:** RE: Hersh

Jed,

Always good to hear from you!

Hope to get the Chairman/Vice Chairman on with you sometime soon, but pushing back on this work of unfounded claims and unidentified sources is not best use of their time. Wouldn't want to do anything to lend credence to the article, or lead your audience to believe this particular piece is taking away from our leadership's focus on real issues.

Bryan Whitman in OSD PA sent a letter to The New Yorker voicing his concerns with the article, based on a request to "fact check" -- it might be worth giving him a call; I bet he'd discuss it with you.

(b)(2)

All the best to you,  
Katie

-----Original Message-----

**From:** JedBabbin@ (b)(6) [mailto:JedBabbin@ (b)(6)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 15, 2006 7:50 AM  
**To:** Haddock, Ellen (Katie), Col, OCJCS/PA  
**Cc:** Ruff, Eric (b)(6) [Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD]  
**Subject:** Hersh

Katie: I'm doing the Hugh Hewitt show again this evening. We started attacking the Hersh piece a bit and played some of his rant on Hardball.

The New Yorker: Fact

I'd really like to get Gen. Pace, Adm. Giambastiani or Gen. Moseley on the show tonight (6-9 pm, Salem Radio Net national) to talk about one and only one aspect: that we neither wrote nor forced upon Israel any part of its war plan. If possible, with one of them, I'd also like to show - from the military theory side - why any bombing campaign in Lebanon (with F-15s and F-16s) wouldn't be a dress rehearsal for anything about Iran. We can also repeat what the SECDEF and Prez have said that we have no plans to do any such thing to Iran.

Please let me know asap. Best, Jed.

**Jed Babbin**

(b)(6) (Home office)  
(b)(6) (Mobile)

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**From:** Jed Babbin (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Monday, August 14, 2006 11:01 AM  
**To:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD  
**Subject:** Tuesday

Eric: I know the Prez is there today, but would you like to come on Hewitt's show tomorrow? I'm hearing that the SASC staffers have screwed with the budget so badly the Army may not be able to write checks in the last two weeks of September. Lemme know. Best, Jed.

**Jed Babbin**

(b)(6) (home office)  
(b)(6) (home fax)  
(b)(6) (mobile)

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**From:** JedBabbin@<sup>(b)(6)</sup>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 14, 2006 7:49 AM  
**To:** tmcinerney@<sup>(b)(6)</sup> nashct@<sup>(b)(6)</sup> Glenstrae77<sup>(b)(6)</sup> BURM41516  
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mgroot@<sup>(b)(6)</sup>

**Subject:** Olmert has to go: Today's TAS

Ehud Olmert: the Israeli version of John Kerry has dithered Israel into a strategic defeat.

The American Spectator

**Jed Babbin**

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<sup>(b)(6)</sup> (Mobile)

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**From:** Brookes, Peter [Peter.Brookes@ (b)(6)]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 11, 2006 11:15 AM  
**To:** Brookes, Peter  
**Subject:** Brookes NY Post op-ed: "The Other Enemy: Lessons of the Latest Plot"

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## THE OTHER ENEMY

### LESSONS OF THE LATEST PLOT



August 11, 2006 -- THE British busting up of a terrorist plot - one that was within days of blowing up as many as 10 U.S. airliners somewhere over the Atlantic - demonstrates once again that we have two enemies in the War on Terror: terrorists and our own complacency.

Just shy of five years since 9/11, the sad reality is that the "Long War" against terrorism sure looks to be far from over. In fact, the British investigation is still ongoing, which means we're not out of the woods on even *this* plot yet.

But this latest terrorist conspiracy, described by British authorities as an act to commit "mass murder on an unimaginable scale," screams at us to pay attention to some new - and enduring - lessons as we continue fighting terrorism both at home and abroad.

First: While the London plot bears all the hallmarks of a classic al Qaeda operation, U.S. and U.K. officials say the 20-plus arrestees are British citizens of Pakistani origin - that is, "homegrown," like last year's 7/7 London subway bombers.

Meaning? Al Qaeda - which seemed to be a terrorist *group* on 9/11 - is now a global terrorist *movement*. Osama bin Laden is much more of a worldwide *inspiration* to his disciples than an active commander directing operations.

Second: Our first line of defense is good, actionable intelligence. That definitely includes the most vigorous collection and analysis of foreign - and domestic - terrorist-related information that our laws and values will permit.

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The foiling of this plot clearly shows the importance - and wisdom - behind well-crafted intelligence programs like the NSA's Terrorist Surveillance Program and the tracking of terrorist-related international financial transactions, among others.

Third: International intelligence and law-enforcement cooperation is a force multiplier in fighting terrorism. The U.S./U.K. collaboration in foiling this terrorist operation is well known. But early reports indicate that the London terror cell(s) had ties into Pakistan as well. (No surprise there.) It appears that Pakistan's Interservices Intelligence (ISI) may have pitched in to help scuttle *this* plot; still, concerns about ISI's loyalties remain.

Fourth: Al Qaeda and its acolytes continue to evolve their operational techniques, including becoming increasingly sophisticated in their evil handiwork.

This plot is a good example: These terrorists reportedly planned to smuggle undetectable components such as "liquid explosive ingredients and detonating devices disguised as beverages, electronic devices, and other common objects" aboard the targeted aircraft.

That looks *similar* to a mid-'90s al Qaeda operation code-named Bojinka hatched out of the Philippines to bring down 10 or so U.S. planes over the Pacific. But these new techniques were meant to evade post-9/11 security.

You can't help but wonder whether *any* airport screeners - in Britain or anywhere else - would have been able to prevent the execution of this sophisticated plot if it hadn't been interrupted before it went into action.

Bottom line? Complacency about terrorism is deadly. We're still squarely in the terrorists' cross-hairs. Hopes and wishes that terrorism is something that happens overseas, or was limited to the horrors of 9/11, are clearly unfounded.

And we have to be *more* imaginative and innovative in our defense than the terrorists are on offense. For instance, we need new security procedures, education and technologies that can detect and prevent "copycat" terrorist attacks, especially overseas.

Of course, being on the offense against the terrorists - using all the "hard" and "soft" instruments of national power, and in cooperation with international partners - is our *best* defense, whether it's in Iraq, Afghanistan, the Horn of Africa or southern Lebanon.

This may *not* be the last of the terror plots meant to occur on or near the fifth anniversary of 9/11 by al Qaeda or al Qaeda-wannabes. It certainly won't be the last terrorist scheme we will face in our lifetimes.

Yesterday saw a clear win in the War on Terror, probably preventing the death of as many as 4,000 trans-Atlantic air travelers. But victory in fighting terror often isn't final - and complacency can kill.

*Heritage Senior Fellow Peter Brookes is the author of "A Devil's Triangle: Terrorism, WMD and Rogue States."*

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**From:** Gordon, Jeffrey D LCDR OSD PA  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 10, 2006 5:42 PM  
**To:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD  
**Subject:** RE: Guantanamo trips

Yes sir, I strongly agree. Per our conversations, I relayed this thought to (b)(6) SOUTHCOM and JTF over the past couple days. (b)(6) told me this afternoon that you'd have to take it up with Cully. Definitely think that we ought to be controlling which group goes first - not Detainee Affairs.

V/R,

JD

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**Sent:** Thursday, August 10, 2006 5:25 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV, OSD-POLICY; (b)(6) CDR USSOUTHCOM JTFGTMO'; (b)(6) LTC USSOUTHCOM JTFGTMO'; (b)(6) LTC (L); (b)(6) LCDR (L)  
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I'd like to reverse the order for the first trip down. seems to me that we really need to have columnists in the august trip because there is going to be a good deal of discussion about detainees, the commission process, value of gtmo, etc when congress returns and likely begins discussing the hamdan situation. there have already been hearings on the matter since the supreme court decision and we should expect further hearings.

also, the military analysts, for the most part, have been to gtmo. my recollection is that we've had at least two analysts' trips down. i'm all in favor of more going in, but we should be thinking about opinion leaders and influencers for the short term. thanks.

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**Subject:** RE: Guantanamo trips

CDR and all concerned,

I hope that the attached will clarify what we're trying to do with the upcoming outreach visits. I appreciate your help in hosting these groups.

Pls let me know if you have questions or input. I will be attending the PA conference next week, so we can also discuss the visits there.

vr,

(b)(6)

Director, External Affairs  
OSD/OSD(P), Detainee Affairs  
Pentagon Room (b)(2)  
(b)(2), (b)(6)

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(b)(6)

CDR USN

Director of Public Affairs, JTF GTMO

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(b)(2), (b)(6) [redacted]

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Once you have your flight, I need the following information:

**Arrival**

Aircraft Type

Mission Number

Call Sign

Tail Number

Departing from ?????? at ?????

Arriving GTMO

**Departure**

Aircraft Type

Mission Number

Call Sign

Tail Number

Departing GTMO

**Photography:** Close filming and photography of detention operations is not permitted. Personal cameras are prohibited during the DV visit program.

Should you need additional information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

*Thanks,*

(b)(6)

LTC, US Army  
Director, Joint Visitors Bureau  
Joint Task Force, GTMO

COMM (b)(2)

DSN: (b)(2)

FAX:

CELL

EMAIL: (b)(6)

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**From:** Gordon, Jeffrey D LCDR OSD PA [mailto:Jeffrey.Gordon@(b)(6)]

**Sent:** Wednesday, August 09, 2006 10:46 AM

**To:** (b)(6)

**Cc:** Whitman, Bryan SES OSD PA; Keck, Gary L Col OSD PA; Turner, James, CIV, OASD-PA; Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD;

(b)(6)

**Subject:** Guantanamo trips

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JDG

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Aug. 10, 2006

## **GTMO OUTREACH**

### Purpose:

According to a DepSecDef memo (to follow), an outreach plan to increase GTMO transparency was developed by OSD Public Affairs, in coordination with Detainee Affairs and the DoD Office of the General Counsel. The plan includes invites to military analysts and media outlets other than those who have already visited GTMO.

OSD PA will coordinate the invites and will ensure required documentation including country and theatre clearances are coordinated with SOUTHCOM.

### Suggested timeframes:

The intent is for DOD PA to coordinate the invites and confirm the individuals from the compiled list of analysts and media (Tab A). Each trip will include about 10 participants, DOD PA and the DASD DA. The group would leave from Washington, D.C. and return the same day.

#### **1. Military Analysts – two trips – handled separately from the media visits**

31 AUG – (30 Aug is a lesser option if necessary)

and

18 or 19 OCT

#### **2. Media Groups – four trips with various media outlets**

27 or 28 SEP

11 or 12 OCT

25 or 26 OCT

1 or 2 NOV

### Coordination:

DOD(PA) and Detainee Affairs will coordinate details of each visit with the Joint Staff, SOUTHCOM, JTF GTMO (the JVB and Public Affairs Offices) and appropriate DoD agencies. We understand that operational events may require scheduling of proposed dates. However, for proper planning, SOUTHCOM and JTF GTMO should review the above dates and indicate any other possible scheduling conflicts.

(TAB A)

Think Tanks (Military Analysts)

Edwin J. Feulner, President, Heritage Foundation  
Ed Meese III, Ronald Reagan Distinguished Fellow in Public Policy and Chairman,  
Center for Legal and Judicial Studies

Clifford May, President, Foundation for the Defense of Democracies  
Andrew McCarthy, Foundation for the Defense of Democracies

Frank Gaffney, Center for Security Policy

John O'Sullivan, Hudson Institute  
Anne Bayefsky, Hudson Institute

Danielle Pletka, American Enterprise Institute  
Michael Rubin, AEI  
Fred Kagan, AEI  
David Frum, AEI

Heather MacDonald, Manhattan Institute

Others

Helena Cobban  
Brad Berenson, Sidley & Austin (former Associate White House counsel)  
Joe Reeder, Greenberg Traurig (former Under Secretary of the Army)  
Matt Boot, Council on Foreign Relations  
Charles "Chuck" J. Cooper, Cooper & Kirk  
Glenn Sulmasy, United States Coast Guard Academy  
Leonard Leo, Executive Vice President, The Federalist Society  
David Rivkin, Baker & Hostetler, (CFR and former WH Counsel)  
Lee Casey, Baker & Hostetler, (former DOJ Office of Legal Counsel Reagan admin)

Print Media

Fred Barnes, Weekly Standard  
Bill Kristol, Weekly Standard  
Charles Krauthammer, Weekly Standard  
Benny Avni, New York Sun  
Max Boot, Los Angeles Times  
Ann Coulter, Human Events

John Fund, Wall Street Journal

Claudia Rosett, Wall Street Journal Online  
Daniel Henniger, Wall Street Journal  
Rob Pollock, Wall Street Journal  
James Taranto, Wall Street Journal

Rowan Scarborough, Washington Times  
Cal Thomas, Washington Times

Mark Steyn, Freelance

Rich Lowry, National Review  
Kate O'Beirne, National Review  
Jay Nordlinger, National Review

#### **Radio Talk Show Hosts**

Bill Bennett (Salem Radio)  
Marc Bernier (Florida)  
Jim Bohannon (Westwood One)  
Neal Boortz (Cox Radio)  
Linda Chavez (Liberty Broadcasting)  
Blanquita Cullum (Radio America)  
Penna Dexter (Radio America)  
Gregg Garrison (WIBC Indianapolis)  
Ken Hamblin (Westwood One)  
Laura Ingraham (Talk Radio Network)  
G. Gordon Liddy (Radio America)  
Rush Limbaugh (Premier Radio Network)  
Alan Nathan (Radio America)  
Janet Parshall (Salam Radio)  
Michael Reagan (Radio America)  
Kirby Wilbur (KVI Seattle)  
Mark Levin (WABC) (President and Founder of the Landmark Legal Foundation)  
(Former Chief of Staff to Attorney General Edwin Meese III)

#### **Television**

Lou Dobbs (CNN)  
Sean Hannity (FOX)  
Britt Hume (FOX)  
Lawrence Kudlow (CNBC)  
Joe Scarborough (MSNBC)  
John Kasich (FOX)

(b)(6)

**From:** JedBabbin@<sup>(b)(6)</sup>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 10, 2006 1:21 PM  
**To:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD  
**Cc:** Whitman, Bryan SES OSD PA  
**Subject:** Casey

Just got a turn-down from Casey. Any shot at getting Conway?

**Jed Babbin**

(b)(6) (home office)  
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**From:** JedBabbin (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 10, 2006 1:01 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Whitman, Bryan SES OSD PA; Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD  
**Subject:** Re: [U] RE: Question

(b)(6) Any decision yet? Please let me know when you can. Best, Jed.

**Jed Babbin**

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**From:** JedBabbin (b)(6)  
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**To:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD  
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Not yet; still hoping. Can you help?

**Jed Babbin**

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**From:** Gordon, Jeffrey D LCDR OSD PA  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 10, 2006 11:31 AM  
**To:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD  
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Thanks sir, we'll keep talking.

V/R,

JD

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**From:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 10, 2006 11:12 AM  
**To:** Gordon, Jeffrey D LCDR OSD PA  
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good job, jd. thanks for the folo thru

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**From:** Gordon, Jeffrey D LCDR OSD PA  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 10, 2006 11:05 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV, OSD-POLICY  
**Cc:** Stimson, Charles D. (Cully), CIV, OSD-POLICY; Whitman, Bryan SES, OSD PA; Keck, Gary L Col OSD PA; (b)(6) OSD PA; Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD; Peppler, Chito LCDR OSD PA; (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Subject:** FW: Guantanamo trips

(b)(6)

We're ready to get the ball rolling for invites, envision the first several trips ought to focus on important columnists/media personalities in light of the 9/11 anniversary and military commission legislation debate in Sept/Oct timeframe.

Do we have the details available on the plane yet? 10-pax per trip, leaving from...?

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JDG

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**Arrival**

Aircraft Type

Mission Number

Call Sign

Tail Number

Departing from ?????? at ?????

Arriving GTMO

**Departure**

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Departing GTMO

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*Thanks,*

(b)(6)

LTC, US Army  
Director, Joint Visitors Bureau  
Joint Task Force, GTMO  
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**To:** tmcinerney (b)(6); nashct (b)(6); Glenstrae77 (b)(6); BURM41516 (b)(6); USAGirl1957 (b)(6); WSSInter (b)(6); robertscales (b)(6); wheelerc (b)(6); wilkerson (b)(6); ShepDonald (b)(6); mgroot (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Media Contrivers - Today's RCP

The media's bias isn't the problem. That we can deal with readily. But the stories that are contrived are a much bigger problem.

[RealClearPolitics - Articles - The Contrived News Story](#)

**Jed Babbin**

(b)(6) (Home office)  
(b)(6) (Mobile)

(b)(6)

**From:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 09, 2006 2:40 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA; (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Subject:** RE: analyst trip to Iraq

Please call and do not email.

Dallas B. Lawrence

Director, Office of Community Relations & Public Liaison

United States Department of Defense

(b)(2)

**From:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 09, 2006 2:26 PM  
**To:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA; (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Subject:** analyst trip to Iraq

dallas (b)(6)

would you mind looking over the following email to the analysts and letting me know if you have any suggestions/comments? this is just the "anyone interested/available?" email going to the a-list (included at the end). there are 16 total. we can only take 10. the advantage of getting this set so early is that more will be able to keep their calendars clear. the disadvantage is that more of them will be able to keep their calendars clear! :)

we are still very light on the details, but the call with Iraq today was all about getting country/theater clearance submitted. i've kept the language vague on purpose, not having a final decision on whether we would like to try for Iraq and Afghanistan. since this is just the initial email, i don't think we need to have that nailed down just yet. agreed?

i told Iraq i'd be able to have a list in the next couple of days. hope to get responses compiled from everyone by Friday and proceed with the message before you leave, Dave.

thanks

(b)(6)

Gentlemen,

We are beginning to work out the dates and movements for a trip into the CENTCOM AOR. We are currently looking at taking the trip surrounding the weekend of Sept. 16th. The details have not yet been worked out, but the trip will likely leave CONUS the night of the 14th and return the morning of the 22nd or 23rd, depending on how many stops we make. Please let me know as soon as possible if you are available and interested in making this trip.

Because we are limited in the number of analysts we can bring, the invitation has not been extended to everyone. Therefore, this invitation is not transferable and we ask that you do not share with anyone that you have been invited. In addition, we will not be able to accommodate everyone who receives this invitation.

I will be back in touch with you as soon as possible as details become available. We appreciate your flexibility as we plan these trips.

Thank you,

(b)(6)

here's who i will send to (unless i hear otherwise from you):

Colonel Ken Allard (USA, Retired) MSNBC

Mr. Jed Babbin (USAF, JAG, DUSD) American Spectator, RCP

General Wayne Downing (USA, Retired) MSNBC

Lieutenant Colonel Rick Francona (USAF, Retired) NBC

Colonel John Garrett (USMC, Retired)

Brigadier General David Grange (USA, Retired) CNN

Colonel Jack Jacobs (USA, Retired) MSNBC

General Jack Keane (USA, Retired) ABC

Lieutenant Colonel Robert Maginnis (USA, Retired) National radio and tv

Major General James "Spider" Marks (USA, Retired) CNN

Dr. Jeff McCausland, Colonel (USA, Retired) CBS

Lieutenant General Thomas McInerney (USAF, Retired) Fox News

Captain Chuck Nash (USN, Retired) Fox News

Major General Robert Scales (USA, Retired) Fox News

Major General Don Shepperd (USAF, Retired) CNN

Mr. Wayne Simmons (CIA, Retired) Fox News

Mr. Bing West (USMC, ASD) National Review

(b)(6)

OSD Public Affairs  
Community Relations and Public Liaison

(b)(2) The Pentagon

Washington, D.C. 20301

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(b)(6)

**From:** Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 09, 2006 1:24 PM  
**To:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Subject:** FW: Military Analysts trip

**Attachments:** Think Tank List (Aug 06).doc

Hi dallas and (b)(6)

We need to help coordinate this trip for the analysts... we might have to help with all of these trips.. and since we know how to do it, let's make it easy for those who don't...

Please follow up with (b)(6) to see what the plan needs to be... we also need to add cal Thomas to the trip.. per eric. Eric volunteered to go also (might have to check dates)

Thanks  
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**Sent:** Wednesday, August 09, 2006 1:04 PM  
**To:** Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA  
**Subject:** Military Analysts trip

Allison,  
As we discussed:

The military analyst trip that was postponed for late August could occur Aug. 30 or 31 (Wed or Thurs). If we should only offer the one day over the other, that's fine - I just wanted to provide an option in terms of getting the best participation.

The attached list can be expanded - so feel free to add names to the list and I'll find out if we have more as well. If we could get 9-10 of them to commit to going on this trip, that would be great.



Think Tank List (Aug 06).doc (...)

Thanks again for the help. I'm working on dates for an additional milanalyst trip in Sept/Oct/early Nov, so whoever can't go on this trip maybe could go on the next one.

The intent is to do about 5-6 trips to GTMO total - the remaining would be media visits.

Pls give me a call if you need any other info. I know Mr. Stimson has talked personally to the following individuals, but with the earlier August proposed visit. So now we would need to reconnect and offer the new date(s).

David Rivkin (drivkin@ (b)(6)) and Lee A. Casey (I have their DOB and SSNs)  
via Patricia Thomas

Leonard Leo (leonardleo@ (b)(6))

Bradford Berenson (bberenson@ (b)(6)) Ph: (b)(6)

available 28-31 Aug, Sept. 1, 4-8, 12-15, 18, 20-22, 26-27 & Oct. 5-6

Cliff May (cliff@ (b)(6)) I have DOB and SSN)

Regards,

(b)(6)

Director, External Affairs  
OSD/OUSDP, Detainee Affairs  
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### Think Tanks

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Andrew McCarthy, Foundation for the Defense of Democracies

Frank Gaffney, Center for Security Policy

John O'Sullivan, Hudson Institute  
Anne Bayefsky, Hudson Institute

Danielle Pletka, American Enterprise Institute  
Michael Rubin, AEI  
Fred Kagan, AEI  
David Frum, AEI

Heather MacDonald, Manhattan Institute

### Print Media

Fred Barnes, Weekly Standard  
Bill Kristol, Weekly Standard  
Charles Krauthammer, Weekly Standard

Benny Avni, New York Sun  
Max Boot, Los Angeles Times  
Ann Coulter, Human Events

John Fund, Wall Street Journal  
Claudia Rosett, Wall Street Journal Online  
Daniel Henniger, Wall Street Journal  
Rob Pollock, Wall Street Journal  
James Taranto, Wall Street Journal

Rowan Scarborough, Washington Times  
Cal Thomas, Washington Times

Mark Steyn, Freelance

Rich Lowry, National Review  
Kate O'Beirne, National Review  
Jay Nordlinger, National Review

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 09, 2006 10:41 AM  
**To:** Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA  
**Cc:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
**Subject:** FW: This is the item Mr. Smith asked about the other day

Thought you'd like to know that Jed Babbin has posted the letter after your team sent it around to the analysts. We will see if others have too.

**From:** (b)(6) CTR OSD PA  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 09, 2006 10:37 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Subject:** This is the item Mr. Smith asked about the other day

Looks like it's circulating around on the blogs - but hasn't yet appeared in the Post?

[http://www.realclearpolitics.com/blog/2006/08/a\\_general\\_fed\\_up\\_with\\_the\\_msm.html](http://www.realclearpolitics.com/blog/2006/08/a_general_fed_up_with_the_msm.html)

August 08, 2006

## A General Fed Up With The MSM - Jed Babbin

There is so much mis-reporting about the successes of Iraq, even our generals sometimes get fed up sufficiently to write a letter to one of the offending papers. The *Washington Post* is one of the chief offenders, and has been for years. (If you have any doubts about it, see the ravings of WaPo Pentagon reporter Tom Ricks posted in [yesterday's PowerLine](#).)

The latest offense by the *Washington Post* is another example of news manufacturing concocting stories in contravention of facts. Here's [the letter Gen. Bill McCoy](#) - who's in charge of construction projects in Iraq -- sent to the *Washington Post* on Sunday. They haven't printed it yet. Will they ever?

Sunday, 06 August 2006

Maj. Gen. William H. McCoy Jr.  
To the editor of the Washington Post,

After spending almost three days traveling with and being interviewed by one of the co-writers of a very

poorly written article ("Much Undone in Rebuilding Iraq, Audit says", Washington Post, August 2, 2006). I'm astounded at how distorted a good story can become and what agenda drives a paper to see only the bad side to the reconstruction effort here in Iraq. Instead of distorting the facts, let's get to the truth.

There is no flailing reconstruction effort in Iraq. The United States has rightfully invested \$20 billion in Iraq's reconstruction - in the opinion of many here, we should do more. This massive undertaking is part of a wider strategy for success in Iraq that involves the establishment of a democratic government, the development of professional Iraqi security forces, and the restoration of basic essential services and facilities to promote the sustained economic development of this new country.

Yes, this reconstruction effort has been challenged occasionally by security, poor materials, poor construction program management practices, and in some cases poor performance by contractors for a variety of reasons. The Department of State and Defense professionals over here, many of them civilian volunteers, and the Iraqi associates who risk their lives every day to have a future that approximates what America has today, continuously see the challenges and develop and implement solutions. This is a core part of managing construction anywhere in the world and, while somewhat more complex here, it is successfully being accomplished. Have we been guilty of poor planning and mismanagement? The answer to that is, at times, yes. But professionals constantly strive to overcome challenges that arise and we are succeeding and making Iraq better every day!

The heart of the article rests on several old statements by the Special Investigator General for Iraq Reconstruction which infer these are recent or recurring problems. The SIGIR knows that, in fact, program management, construction quality, progress, and accountability have all improved significantly since the early days of the effort some three years ago. Yet, the reporters' "project problems" comments infer that these are recent issues. Such actions inflame public opinion in the United States and create resentment by the very people so many conscientious Americans over here are trying to help here in Iraq and worse, embolden our very enemies.

When I arrived here a year ago we planned to complete 3,200 reconstruction projects. Today we are focusing on the completion of 3,700 projects. We've started 3,500 of those projects and completed almost 2,800...and work is continuing! This is not a failure to meet our commitment to the Iraqi people as the article states. In some cases we are not executing the same projects - we have changed to meet new priorities of three government changes in Iraq since our arrival - but in all cases, rest assured, these projects will be completed. We discussed this at length with the reporter...and he was taking notes and recording our conversations.

We told the reporter that, while 141 health clinic construction projects were taken away from a U.S. contractor who failed to perform, they were re-awarded to Iraqi contractors who are already demonstrating progress, have improved quality and shown their great desire to work with the United States to help Iraq improve ... and they are doing so phenomenally!

We did talk to the reporter about on electricity. Three-quarters of Iraq gets twice as much electricity today as they did before the war. Furthermore, we are working with the Minister of Electricity to improve the situation in Baghdad daily and have doubled the hours of power from four to eight in the capitol in the last six months in spite of the fact that demand is markedly increased with Iraqis' new ability to buy personal electrical products.

What is truly amazing to me is that we took the reporter to the Nasiriyah prison project and, while it is true that we terminated the prime U.S. contractor for failure to perform, the Iraqi sub-contractor continues to work there (now directly for us) and his progress and quality have improved significantly ... and he saw that! We are not turning unfinished work over to the Iraqis as he stated in his article; we are fulfilling the U.S. commitment to the people of Iraq and using Iraqis to do it!

The reporter didn't tell you about the hundreds of dedicated military and civilian professionals he saw over here working to make Iraq better, or the Iraqis who come to work every day at their own peril because they believe in what we, and they, are accomplishing together.

He failed to tell you about Aseel or Salah who worked for the Corps of Engineers since we arrived in 2003, because they wanted to make their country like ours, but who were recently brutally murdered in the streets because they worked for the Americans.

He never wrote about the Water Treatment Plant he visited that will provide fresh potable water to over half a million people in southern Iraq in just two more months, or the one in northern Iraq that is providing water for the 330,000 citizens of Irbil.

He never told folks back home about the thousands of children that are now in 800 new or rebuilt schools, or about oil production now being back to pre-war levels and getting better everyday, or raw sewage being taken out of the streets and put back in the pipes where it belongs, or about the thousands of miles of new roads, or post offices, police stations or courthouses or... well, he just left a great deal out now, didn't he?

Why?

Perhaps it's because some in the press don't want the American people to know the truth and prefer instead to only report the negative aspects of the news because "it sells papers."

We deserve better from those who claim the protection of the Constitution we are fighting to support and defend.

America, don't give up. You are doing much better over here than all too many of your press will tell you. If you are tired of fighting for freedom and democracy for those who so strongly long for the country we have, then think of the alternatives for a moment. Iraq will be better for our efforts and so will the world. And you are making it happen. Be proud and keep supporting this vital effort. It is the most important thing America can do.

Thank you. I invite you and your staff to come over at any time to get the facts. I took a risk with Mr. Mosher and obviously got what I consider to be a very unbalanced representation of what he saw, personally. But I still believe in general in the press and will always be open to helping you tell a balanced story.

Essayons! Deliverance!

Maj. Gen. Bill McCoy  
Commanding General  
Gulf Region Division  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Multi-National Force-Iraq

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**From:** Gordon Cucullu [gordon@ (b)(6)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 09, 2006 10:38 AM  
**To:** Paul E Vallely; (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Cc:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD  
**Subject:** Re: gitmo book

Hi, (b)(6) we're in the outline process now. Still waiting for some info that JTF GTMO agreed to provide. Hope to have that soon.

We will undoubtedly have some follow on interview requests once the outline is approved and the chapters begin to fall into place. There may be requests for specific unclass documentation. It is highly likely that we will need to make one more trip to the facility prior to going final. Cross checking details, adding stories, that sort of thing.

Doubleday is the publisher.

As always, we could only do this project with your help and it has proven invaluable.

All the best, Gordon

----- Original Message -----

**From:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**To:** Vallely, Major General Paul ; Gordon Cucullu ; Gordon Cucullu  
**Cc:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 09, 2006 10:21 AM  
**Subject:** gitmo book

good morning gentlemen,  
i wanted to check on the status of the gitmo book and see if there was anything else you need from dod? please let me know what i can do to help and where you are in the process. if you could also remind me which publisher you decided to go with, that would be great.  
hope you are both doing very well and having a great summer,

(b)(6)

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(b)(2) The Pentagon  
Washington, D.C. 20301

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**From:** JedBabbin (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 08, 2006 10:48 AM  
**To:** Whitman, Bryan SES OSD PA  
**Cc:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD; Jones, Tara, CIV, OASD-PA; (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Re: Question

Brian: Many thanks. I'll check back with you and Col. (b)(6) as we get closer to the dates. Best,  
Jed.

**Jed Babbin**

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**From:** Whitman, Bryan SES OSD PA  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 08, 2006 10:46 AM  
**To:** JedBabbin (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD; (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA; (b)(6) COL MNFI CMD GRP PAO  
**Subject:** RE: Question

I'll check on Gen Casey -- for Khalilzad we will have to find you the right person at State to hook you up with. By way of this email, I have ccd COL (b)(6) who is his personal PA and will be able to work the Casey request directly.

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**From:** JedBabbin (b)(6) [mailto:JedBabbin@ (b)(6)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 08, 2006 9:33 AM  
**To:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD; Whitman, Bryan SES OSD PA; (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Subject:** Question

Eric/Bryan (b)(6) I'm subbing for Bill Bennett on his "Morning in America" program (nationally, Salem Radio Net) on 24 and 25 August. It runs 0600-0900 EDT. That works, I think, to 1400-1700 Baghdad time. How can I go about getting Gen. Casey or Amb. Khalilzad on one of those days? Best, Jed.

**Jed Babbin**

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**From:** Jed Babbin (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 08, 2006 10:14 AM  
**To:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD; Whitman, Bryan SES OSD PA; (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Subject:** FYI

The RCP Blog

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**From:** (b)(6) OSD PA  
**Sent:** Monday, August 07, 2006 7:10 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Cc:** Smith, Dorrance HON OSD PA; Whitman, Bryan SES OSD PA; Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD; Thorp, Frank RDML OSD PA; Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA; Keck, Gary L Col OSD PA; Turner, James, CIV, OASD-PA; Ballesteros, Mark J, LTC, OASD-PA; Vician, Todd M LtCol OSD PA; Carpenter, Joseph LCDR OSD PA; (b)(6) Capt OSD PA; Latimer, Matthew Mr OSD PA; (b)(6) OSD PA; Haddock, Ellen (Katie), Col, OCJCS/PA; (b)(6) CDR, OCJCS/PA; (b)(6) LtCol, OCJCS/PA  
**Subject:** military analyst transcript 07 August  
**Attachments:** 08-07-06 military analyst call.doc



08-07-06 military analyst call...

Attached is the military analyst transcript from today's phone call.

Per instructions, the speakers on these transcripts will now be identified as "briefer" rather than by their name.

This call was on background, with the speaker to be identified as a senior military official.

Questions please see me or (b)(6)

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**From:** Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA  
**Sent:** Monday, August 07, 2006 7:05 PM  
**To:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD  
**Subject:** FW: MilAnalysts Trip

**Attachments:** Think Tanks LIST (July 06).doc

Hi

Here is a little more insight to gtmo trips...  
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**From:** (b)(6) CIV, OSD-POLICY  
**Sent:** Monday, August 07, 2006 1:49 PM  
**To:** Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA, (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Subject:** MilAnalysts Trip

Allison (b)(6)

Thanks again for your participation in Friday's JDCC.

Since the military analyst trip for this week has been delayed, and we're working on the bigger plan that this trip would be a part of, would you be able to help coordinate with the mil analysts for this trip? (I've attached the list discussed and agreed to between Cully, Mr. Smith, Bryan Whitman, and Mr. Haynes.) You both have far more expertise in this area and your input would be appreciated. Are we missing names? Pls. let me know your thoughts and availability to assist. I would think that out of the 5 - 6 proposed visits, at least two should be used for military analysts. I'm off to a meeting but will try to call later. I'm also checking with SouthCom on the dates for the other visits.

Thank you.

R, (b)(6)



Think Tanks LIST  
(July 06).doc...

Director, External Affairs  
OSD/OUSD(P), Detainee Affairs  
Pentagon Room (b)(2)

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Michael Rubin, AEI  
Fred Kagan, AEI  
David Frum, AEI

Heather MacDonald, Manhattan Institute

**Print Media**

Fred Barnes, Weekly Standard  
Bill Kristol, Weekly Standard  
Charles Krauthammer, Weekly Standard

Benny Avni, New York Sun  
Max Boot, Los Angeles Times  
Ann Coulter, Human Events

John Fund, Wall Street Journal  
Claudia Rosett, Wall Street Journal Online  
Daniel Henniger, Wall Street Journal  
Rob Pollock, Wall Street Journal  
James Taranto, Wall Street Journal

Rowan Scarborough, Washington Times  
Cal Thomas, Washington Times

Mark Steyn, Freelance

Rich Lowry, National Review  
Kate O'Beirne, National Review  
Jay Nordlinger, National Review

**Radio Talk Show Hosts**

Bill Bennett (Salem Radio)  
Marc Bernier (Florida)  
Jim Bohannon (Westwood One)  
Neal Boortz (Cox Radio)  
Linda Chavez (Liberty Broadcasting)  
Blanquita Cullum (Radio America)  
Penna Dexter (Radio America)  
Gregg Garrison (WIBC Indianapolis)  
Ken Hamblin (Westwood One)  
Laura Ingraham (Talk Radio Network)  
G. Gordon Liddy (Radio America)  
Rush Limbaugh (Premier Radio Network)  
Alan Nathan (Radio America)  
Janet Parshall (Salam Radio)  
Michael Reagan (Radio America)  
Kirby Wilbur (KVI Seattle)  
Mark Levin (WABC) (President and Founder of the Landmark Legal Foundation)  
(Former Chief of Staff to Attorney General Edwin Meese III)

**Others**

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(b)(6) Sidley & Austin (former Associate White House counsel)  
(b)(6) Greenberg Traurig (former Under Secretary of the Army)  
Council on Foreign Relations  
(b)(6) Cooper & Kirk  
(b)(6) United States Coast Guard Academy  
(b)(6) Executive Vice President, The Federalist Society  
(b)(6) Baker & Hostetler, (CFR and former WH Counsel)  
(b)(6) Baker & Hostetler, (former DOJ Office of Legal Counsel Reagan admin)

**Television**

Lou Dobbs (CNN)  
Sean Hannity (FOX)  
Britt Hume (FOX)  
Lawrence Kudlow (CNBC)  
Joe Scarborough (MSNBC)  
John Kasich (FOX)

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**From:** Tom Wilkerson (twilkerson@ (b)(6))  
**Sent:** Monday, August 07, 2006 2:16 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Cc:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA; Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
**Subject:** Re: Conference Call with Senior DoD Official

(b)(6)

On the road -- can't make the call.

*Semper Fortis,  
Fidelis & Paratus*

*Tom W*

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On Aug 7, 2006, at 10:36 AM, Evans, Dave, CIV, OASD-PA wrote:

MEMORANDUM

**To:** Retired Military Analysts

**From:** Dallas Lawrence  
Director, Community Relations and Public Liaison  
Office of the Secretary of Defense

**Date:** August 7, 2006

**Re:** Conference Call with Senior DoD Officials

4/9/2008

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To participate in this conference call, please dial (b)(2) and ask the operator to connect you to the Analysts conference call.

Please R.S.V.P. to (b)(6) at (b)(6) or call her at (b)(2)

We hope you are able to participate.

4/9/2008

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Sent:** Monday, August 07, 2006 11:52 AM  
**To:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD  
**Subject:** FW: Conference Call with Senior DoD Official

dial in number: (b)(2) ask for analyst conf call. I will be in ab's office if you want to join me there. I'm assuming I will host the call, but it's likely that dallas will want to do it.

thanks  
(b)(6)

**From:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Sent:** Monday, August 07, 2006 10:37 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Cc:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA, (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Subject:** Conference Call with Senior DoD Official

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**From:** JedBabbin (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 03, 2006 9:17 AM  
**To:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD  
**Subject:** Re: Ingraham

Eric: Thanks. Will do. Best, Jed.

**Jed Babbin**

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**From:** JedBabbin@<sup>(b)(6)</sup>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 03, 2006 8:19 AM  
**To:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD  
**Subject:** Ingraham

Eric: I'm subbing for Laura Ingraham tomorrow (8/4) and Monday (8/7). (0900-1200 EDT, national, TRN). Do any of the big dogs want to come out to play? Best, Jed.

**Jed Babbin**

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**To:** Smith, Dorrance HON OSD PA; Whitman, Bryan SES OSD PA; Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD; Rangel, Robert S, CIV, OSD; (b)(6) OSD PA  
**Subject:** Babbir Again

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August 03, 2006

## There They Go Again - Jed Babbir

It's fascinating how the press first contrives a story and then its herd mentality takes over and runs with it, hyping it to the skies regardless of the truth. The latest exercise began Wednesday afternoon at Defense Secretary Don Rumsfeld's press conference. After someone from Reuters first posed the question, CNN's Barbara Starr asked it again: why Mr. Rumsfeld turned down a Senate Armed Services Committee request to testify at a special hearing on Iraq on Thursday. Rumsfeld answered that because he was making himself available to the whole senate answering questions on the war that same morning he'd determined that he couldn't do both. It went all down hill from there because the Dems know the earlier session Thursday won't be before the tv cameras. They want bread and circuses, not answers to questions.

Lolita Baldor, an AP reporter, wrote a breathless piece in which she said Rumsfeld's action was, "...raising a new furor on Capitol Hill over the three-year-old conflict." The furor is limited in her story to a chest-deep harrumph from Sen. Kennedy ("America is in deep trouble in Iraq, yet Secretary Rumsfeld refuses to explain and defend his policies in full public view tomorrow") and a nice letter from Hillary asking Mr. Rumsfeld to change his mind. No Republicans - not even John Warner who could easily be confused for a Dem - were quoted.

From here, it's going to follow the usual pattern. The *New York Times* will have a Doug Jehl story about how Rumsfeld is hiding from the devastating questions he'd face (the secret list of which will appear in Jehl's story). That will precede MoDo's Sunday vespers session about why we need a female SecDef), Chris Matthews will have Sen. Dodd on to say that the Pentagon is an Augean Stable that needs to be flushed out, *WaPo*'s Dana Milbank will have a front page above-the-fold piece on Senate Dems' outrage and Katie Couric will be overheard on a shuttle flight shouting into her cell phone about how she needs to get on the air early to make sure this story is treated with the seriousness it deserves. (And while all this media talent was spinning up its macrodander, Rumsfeld decided to show up after all. He's just mischevious enough to do that just to see the media continue to spin.) But how do stories like this get concocted?

The answer isn't available from AP. I called night bureau chief Robert Glass who, when I asked him about it, sounded as calm as Leo Bloom after Max Bialystock screamed at him. (He told me to send my inquiry to editor Alan Fram. I did and have not received an answer last night or today.)

Where's the Dem war room that is running this show? How is the Dem spin machine driving these reporters so relentlessly? Who is the Dem Moriarty at the center of the web that pulls the media in and manipulates it so? Or is it, as we expect, just Teddy and Chris Dodd chugging scotch in some back room in the Capitol and dialing random numbers? Stay tuned. This is gonna be fun to watch. And please do watch. Something tells me you won't be seeing any Republicans on the nightly news asking why the Dems are demanding we cut and run. It's not like the Dems have anything else to say.

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**From:** JedBabbin@<sup>(b)(6)</sup>  
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**Subject:** Today's RCP: The Siniora Syndrome

Gents: This is a very odd time. And the Lebanese part of it is the oddest. What say you? Best, Jed.

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**From:** (b)(6) OSD PA  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 01, 2006 2:25 PM  
**To:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD  
**Subject:** Army article

FYI, found this on Yahoo news. Sending it to you for prep for SecDef presser tomorrow.

US army 'degraded' by Iraq deployments: defense experts

54 minutes ago

A group of prominent US defense and national security experts sounded an alarm about the strain on US combat forces of lengthy deployments to Iraq, saying the problem has reached crisis levels.

The National Security Advisory Group, chaired by former Secretary of Defense William J. Perry, alleged in a letter to top congressional Democrats that the US administration's underfunding of the army represents "a serious failure of civilian stewardship of the military."

"Two-thirds of the army's operating force, active and reserve, is now reporting in as unready," the group wrote in their letter to lawmakers.

"There is not a single non-deployed Army Brigade Combat Team in the United States that is ready to deploy.

The letter continued: "The bottom line is that our army currently has no ready, strategic reserve. Not since the Vietnam era and its aftermath has the Army's readiness been so degraded."

Members of the group comprise a Who's Who of moderate-to-liberal political thought in the United States, including former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, former national security adviser Samuel "Sandy" Berger, retired Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman John Shalikashvili, and retired four-star general and former presidential contender Wesley Clark.

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Israel is getting the same treatment from the press that the president does. They need some hard and fast lessons about doing media briefs.

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**FIRST REACTION TO PRESIDENT BUSH/PM AL-MALIKI'S COMMENTS**  
**As of July 25, 4:00 PM**

**Print/Online Summary**

The majority of print and online coverage was straight reporting with quotes from President Bush and Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's comments at the news conference. All outlets noted that President Bush did not address how sending additional U.S. troops to Baghdad would affect troop reduction plans for later this year with AFP reporting that he "sidestepped" the question. Reuters had the most commentary on the conference, noting that it "lacked a great deal of warmth" and "exposed gaps between them on the Middle East." AP and the Los Angeles Times reported that troops stationed in Kuwait will be heading to Iraq as part of the new security plan. All outlets included coverage on the conflicting positions President Bush and al-Maliki have on the Middle East and noted that, while al-Maliki had earlier condemned Israel for its attacks, he did not condemn Hezbollah's actions. The Los Angeles Times also reported on the grades the Center for American Progress gave the U.S. on its assessment of the campaign in Iraq.

**Broadcast Summary**

There was general agreement on most points below by broadcast hosts, reporters and military analysts:

- General agreement that the previous plan announced six weeks ago when the President visited Iraq is not working – some would say "a dismal failure"
- Agreement that something needs to be done immediately to curb the violence – consensus feels that Baghdad is "the key" to controlling Iraq
- Skepticism over how this new plan differs greatly from the old
- Most believe that taking troops from other parts of the country and moving them to Baghdad will not increase the violence in those areas
- Frustration that Iraqi troops are not as well equipped as they should be
- Embedding is needed because there's a belief that some Iraqi troops are the problem, not the solution
- Anthony Cordesmann: Putting more forces into Baghdad without a political solution won't work, because radical militia groups have made the Iraqi security forces "unreliable partners"
- Democrats in Congress say Maliki's criticism of Israel is inappropriate
- Some sources citing Gen. Casey's plan about one month ago to possibly pull some troops out – saying now this doesn't seem possible anytime soon

**Print/Online Highlights**

**Bush: New plan better for Baghdad security**

Anne Gearan, AP

- President Bush: Complimented Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki for courage and perseverance during sectarian violence

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- President concerned about killed and injured Lebanese civilians
- Some lawmakers threaten to boycott al-Maliki's Congressional address Wednesday because al-Maliki condemned Israeli attacks
- Bush and al-Maliki believe there needs to be more forces in Baghdad so U.S. military police and other forces can secure capital
- Bush administration is pinning its hopes for a relatively swift withdrawal of most U.S. forces on the political and military success of the multiethnic government al-Maliki heads
- U.S. officials and al-Maliki have both said his government represents Iraq's last best chance to establish a working democracy.
- Al-Maliki's plans for curfews and other measures have had no lasting effect.
- Senior DoD official said part of backup force stationed in Kuwait was heading into Iraq
  - At least two Iraqi military brigades will be brought into Baghdad
- President Bush did not indicate U.S. troops will come home
  - Said shift of troops to Baghdad is possible partly because of success in transferring control of some other areas from U.S. forces

#### **Bush: New plan better for Baghdad security**

Tom Raum, AP

- Pentagon officials have suggested several thousand troops would be moved to Baghdad
- Bush: troop level decisions will be based on recommendations from military commanders in the field
- U.S. officials believe control of Baghdad will determine the future of Iraq
- Two weeks ago, Secretary Rumsfeld said number of Iraqi and U.S. troops in Baghdad had grown from 40,000 to 50,000
- Leaders disagreed openly on Middle East

#### **Bush, Maliki agree on more US troops for Baghdad**

Steve Holland, Reuters

- Talks "exposed gaps between them on the Middle East"
- News conference "lacked a great deal of warmth"
- New security plan - "an acknowledgement that a strengthening of Baghdad imposed by Maliki five weeks ago has been a failure"
- "Unclear" how new plan would affect Pentagon hopes of reducing troop deployment
- U.S. troop involvement numbers would be decided by the generals
- Had "frank exchange" over Middle East
- President Bush's resistance to calls for an urging of ceasefire has "basically bought time for Israel to carry out its campaign against Hizbollah."
- Democrats upset that Maliki condemned Israel but not Hizbollah

#### **Troops in Iraq to Shift to Baghdad**

Daniela Deane, Washington Post

- President Bush reassured Maliki that U.S. government "stands with the Iraq people"
- President Bush: U.S. military policy will embed with Iraqi units to secure individual neighborhoods in capital and then gradually expand

- President Bush: "Deployment of additional troops will better reflect current conditions on the ground in Iraq"
- Current level of violence has shown few signs of decreasing and eroded support for the war in U.S. and Iraq
- President Bush: Maliki asked for more equipment for his troops
- Maliki said new security plan would work because it had the support from all segments of the Iraqi population because of his national unity government

#### **Bush says US to send more troops to secure Baghdad**

Oliver Knox, AFP

- Maliki: Security thrust in Baghdad was "achieving its objectives" but expressed concern about civil war and bloodshed between Shiites and Sunnis
- Maliki: Joint committee would be formed on how to achieve "self-sufficiency" for Iraqi forces
- Bush: "Our strategy is to remain on the offense, including in Baghdad"
- Bush: Maliki and General Casey agreed to deploy additional forces
- "Sidestepped" questions about troop withdrawal
- Maliki's old security plan "widely seen as having failed"

#### **Bush, Maliki Vow Baghdad Security Push**

Joel Havemann, Los Angeles Times

- Maliki: Seating of elected national-unity government is reason for hope that capital could be secured
- Bush and Maliki "ducked" questions about Middle East conflict
- Center for American Progress gave U.S. campaign in Iraq a grade of D-

#### **Broadcast Highlights**

**CNN 07/25/06 11:57:19**

Gen. Don Shepperd:

- Baghdad is the key - until you get control over the capital, you can't spread security in the rest of the country or gain the people's confidence

Jamie McIntyre:

- We're going to see an influx of troops into Baghdad, but most will be Iraqi troops embedded with American trainers
- There are still issues about whether the Iraqi troops are as well equipped as the American troops and as well trained to deal with Baghdad situation

**CNN 07/25/06 12:20:44**

Suzanne Malveaux:

- There was "a tacit admission to the failure of Maliki's program that he announced six weeks ago when President Bush was in Baghdad"
- The question is why should anyone have more confidence in this new plan than in the plan from six weeks ago?

**MSNBC 07/25/06 12:18:46**

Lt. Col. Rick Francona:

- "I don't know if this the proposed plan is really the answer. You don't need more troops, you need less militia, less death squads"
- Moving troops into Baghdad from other areas doesn't provide an opening for more violence in those areas, because those areas are fairly secure and more homogenous
- There's a question of how much security can you oppose without disrupting life in Baghdad
- The embedding is because "they're very concerned about the performance of Iraqi troops" – many say they make up some of these death squads, so American advisors can now watch what they're doing

**CNN 07/25/06 12:06:14**

Jane Arraf, Council on Foreign Relations

- The key to reducing sectarian violence in Baghdad is getting Iraqis to trust their security forces, which may be easier with American police embedded
- It's "disheartening" to hear now that Iraqi forces are still not well equipped
- Disbanding the Iraqi army when the U.S. went in created what many people feel was the basis for the Iraqi based insurgency – it's becoming more integrated in places, I believe it's still largely Arabs, Kurds and Shia Arabs and there isn't a lot of integration morning those units

**CNN 07/25/06 12:09:14**

Reporter in Baghdad:

- The Iraqi security forces need to be better equipped – no one can dispute that - more armor, better logistics, ability to move food, move troops around and better organize their higher structures
- The readiness of troops varies in certain parts of the country

**Fox News Dayside 07/25/06 13:39:50**

Col. David Hunt

- There's 70,000 Iraqi and U.S. military in Baghdad right now – which will likely increase by another 30,000 or so
- As far as risk in moving troops out of other areas, the borders are being controlled by Iraq
- The longer the Lebanon conflict lasts, the more it will have an affect on us

**NPR 07/25/06 14:10:24**

Peter Baker, White House reporter for the Washington Post

- "Very struck" by the "dour tone" of both the President and Prime Minister
- It doesn't seem like we're going to see any significant troop withdrawals by the end of the year much less by the election in November
- The President spoke in vague terms – for example, American troops have been embedded in the past with Iraq forces, so the difference now is not clear

**NPR 07/25/06 15:26:14**

Anthony Cordesmann:

- The conflict in Lebanon should be the least of Maliki's worries
  - "The level of civil conflict in Iraq is intensifying so quickly in coming so close to civil war that these kind of external issues frankly matter a great deal more outside Iraq inside of it"
- Cordesmann says that putting more forces into Baghdad without a political solution won't work - radical militia groups have infiltrated the Iraqi security forces, making them unreliable partners for the U.S. military

**Fox News -- Studio B With Shepard Smith 07/25/06 15:09:15**

- Democrats in Congress say Maliki's criticism of Israel is inappropriate, with some threatening to boycott his address to a joint meeting of the House and Senate tomorrow

**Headline News 07/25/06 16:15:55**

- General George Casey, who said one month ago that the military was considering pulling out two brigades, is now sending more U.S. troops to Baghdad

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Hadda get this off my chest.

The RCP Blog

what say you, ladies and gents?

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When will we ever learn that you can't succeed diplomatically without backing talk with the credible threat of force?

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all,  
i've pasted the transcript of congressional testimony by one of the military analysts re. unlawful combatants. just as an fyi, and in case you were interested in seeing what he had to say about it. he was on the first trip we took to gitmo, but has not been back this year b/c of schedule conflicts.

thanks

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The Detention and Trial of Unlawful Combatants

Testimony of James Jay Carafano

before the

Senate Armed Services Committee

July 19, 2006

Mr. Chairman and other distinguished Members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify before you today on the U.S. government's proposal to try unlawful combatants by military commissions in light of the Supreme Court decision in Hamdan v. Rumsfeld. [1] <[http://www.heritage.org/Research/HomelandDefense/tst071906a.cfm#\\_ftn1](http://www.heritage.org/Research/HomelandDefense/tst071906a.cfm#_ftn1)> What I would like to do in my testimony is: (1) describe how this decision fits in the context of how America ought to fight the war on terrorism; (2) make the case that Congress ought to ratify the president's discretion to use military commissions to try these types of unlawful combatants and the offenses charged, and grant the greatest discretion to this and future presidents to establish just rules for such tribunals consistent with national security; and, (3) suggest how the Bush Administration's proposal for commissions could be amended to satisfy legitimate Congressional concerns.

Winning the Long War

My view of what the Congress should do is tempered by a 25-year military career as a soldier and strategist. In deciding how to move forward after Hamdan v. Rumsfeld, strategy matters. While Congress and the Bush Administration must find a remedy that is consistent with the demands of the Constitution, satisfying the rule of law is not enough. The best solution is one that is consistent with how the law in free societies should be used in wartime, and an approach that supports the national strategy.

President Bush was right to argue that the concerted effort to destroy the capacity of transnational groups who seek to turn terrorism into a global corporate enterprise ought to be viewed as a long war. Identifying the war on global terrorism as a long war is important, because long wars call for a particular kind of strategy—one that pays as much attention to protecting and nurturing the power of the state for competing over the long term as it does to getting the enemy.

Long war strategies that ignore the imperative of preserving strength for the fight in a protracted conflict devolve into wars of attrition. Desperate to prevail, nations become over-centralized, authoritarian "garrison" states that lose the freedoms and flexibility that made them competitive to begin with. [2] <[http://www.heritage.org/Research/HomelandDefense/tst071906a.cfm#\\_ftn2](http://www.heritage.org/Research/HomelandDefense/tst071906a.cfm#_ftn2)> In contrast, in prolonged conflicts such as the Cold War, in which the United States adapted a strategy that gave equal weight to preserving the nation's competitive advantages and standing fast against an enduring threat, the U.S. not only prevailed, but thrived emerging more powerful and just as free as when the stand-off with the Soviet Union began.

The lessons of the Cold war suggest that there are four elements to a good long war .

strategy: (3) <[http://www.heritage.org/Research/HomelandDefense/tst071906a.cfm#\\_ftn3](http://www.heritage.org/Research/HomelandDefense/tst071906a.cfm#_ftn3)>

- (1) providing security, including offensive measures to go after the enemy, as well as defensive efforts to protect the nation;
- (2) economic growth, which allows states to compete over the long term;
- (3) safeguarding civil society and preserving the liberties that sustain the will of the nation; and
- (4) winning the war of ideas, championing the cause of justice that, in the end, provides the basis for an enduring peace.

The greatest lesson of the Cold War is that the best long war strategy is one that performs all of these tasks equally well.

I want to highlight the elements of long war strategy, because the successful prosecution of three of them—providing security, protecting civil society, and winning the war of ideas—will depend in part on well Congress moves forward after in Hamdan v. Rumsfeld. Congress should authorize military commissions in a manner that respects equally all three of these aspects of fighting the long war.

#### Satisfying National Security

There are three issues at stake in ensuring the nation has the right instruments for fighting the long war. First, military commissions must be conducted in a manner that optimizes meeting national security interests. Second, the principle of law that protects both U.S. soldiers and civilians on the battlefield must be preserved. Third, the power of the Executive Branch to adapt and innovate to meet the challenges of war should not be encumbered.

In order to optimize national security interests, I would argue against using the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) as a basis for authorizing military commissions for trying unlawful combatants. The UCMJ is structured as a traditional legal system that puts the protection of the right of the individual foremost, and then adds in accommodations for national security and military necessity. Such a system is not at all appropriate for the long war. For example, Article 31(b) requires of the UCMJ requires informing servicemen suspected of a crime of their Miranda Rights. The exercise of Miranda Rights in impractical on the battlefield. Hearsay evidence is prohibited in court martial. On the battlefield, much of the collected intelligence that the military acts on is hearsay. In fact, reliable hearsay may be the only kind of evidence that can be obtained about the specific activities of combatants. Likewise, overly lenient evidentiary rules make sense when trying a U.S. soldier for a theft committed on base, but not when someone is captured on the battlefield and is being tried for war crimes committed prior to capture, perhaps in another part of the world.

Rather than seek to amend courts-martial procedures to address security concerns, I believe it would be preferable to draft military commissions that put the interests of national security first, and then amend them to ensure that equitable elements of due process are included in the procedures.

I also believe that for the protection of both soldiers and civilians, the distinction between lawful and unlawful combatants be preserved as much as possible. If we respect the purposes of the Geneva Conventions and want to encourage rogue nations and terrorists to follow the laws of war, we must give humane treatment to unlawful combatants. However, we ought not to reward them with the exact same treatment we give our own honorable soldiers. Mimicking the UCMJ sends exactly the wrong signal.

Finally, the Executive Branch's power to wage war ought not to be unduly encumbered. If there is one truism in war, it is that conflict is unpredictable. Carl von Clausewitz, the great 19th century Prussian military theorist called it the "friction of battle." Clausewitz also said that "everything in war is simple, but in war even the simple is difficult." That is why in drafting the Constitution, the framers gave wide latitude to the Executive Branch in the conduct of war. They recognized that the president needed maximum flexibility in adapting the instruments of power to the demands of war. In bounding the president's traditional war powers, Congress should take a minimalist approach.

#### Respecting the Rule of Law

After September 11, the Bush Administration's critics framed a false debate that indicated that citizens had a choice between being safe and being free, arguing that virtually every exercise of executive power is an infringement on liberties and human rights. The issue of the treatment of detainees at Guantanamo Bay has been framed in this manner. It is a false debate. Government has a dual responsibility to protect the individual and to protect the nation. The equitable exercise of both is guaranteed when the government exercises power in accordance with the rule of law.

In the case of the military tribunals, the Supreme Court has outlined a rather narrow agenda for Congress to ensure that the rule of law is preserved. As legal scholars David Rivkin and Lee Casey rightly pointed out in a June 30, 2006 Wall Street Journal editorial: "All eight of the justices participating in this case agreed that military commissions are a legitimate part of the American legal tradition that can, in appropriate circumstances, be used to try and punish individuals captured in the war on terror[ism]. Moreover, nothing in the decision suggests that the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay must, or should, be closed." [4]

<[http://www.heritage.org/Research/HomelandDefense/tst071906a.cfm#\\_ftn4](http://www.heritage.org/Research/HomelandDefense/tst071906a.cfm#_ftn4)> No detainee was ordered to be released. Nor was their designated status as unlawful combatants (who are not entitled to the same privileges as legitimate prisoners of war who abide by the Geneva Conventions) called into question. The Supreme Court did not so much as suggest that the non-citizen combatants held at Guantánamo must be tried as civilians in American civilian courts. Nor did it require that detainees be tried by courts martial constituted under the UCMJ.

In addition, while the Court held that the basic standards contained in common Article 3 of the Geneva Conventions[5] <[http://www.heritage.org/Research/HomelandDefense/tst071906a.cfm#\\_ftn5](http://www.heritage.org/Research/HomelandDefense/tst071906a.cfm#_ftn5)> apply, it should be pointed out that the Geneva Conventions have been honored, except—according to the Supreme Court—in the way the military commissions were established. Common Article 3 requires a floor of humane treatment for all detainees. Granted, some of the language in Common Article 3 is vague and subject to varying interpretations. For the purposes of this discussion the most relevant issue is the interpretation of the phrase that treatment should include "judicial guarantees which are recognized as indispensable by civilized peoples." This requires some due process, such as the type of due process the status review boards and military commissions provide. If Congress explicitly ratifies the military commissions, then a majority of the Court would uphold them as consistent with

the Geneva Conventions. This should satisfy U.S. obligations under the treaty.

Thus there is no reason for Congress to require courts-martial under the UCMJ, to draft guidelines for new commission procedures, or to partially overrule or repeal our ratification of the Geneva Conventions. Congress also appears to have approved the president's military commissions in the Detainee Treatment Act in December of 2005, although the Court has ruled this authorization is not sufficiently specific. I would suggest that nothing has changed in the past few months that should alter the sense of Congress.

It should also be understood that military commissions are intended for limited use. We should not try most detainees. We should simply detain most of them until hostilities are concluded or they are no longer a threat. A separate administrative review process is used to determine whether further detention is warranted, or for example, whether the detainee is an innocent non-combatant. [6]

<[http://www.heritage.org/Research/HomelandDefense/tst071906a.cfm#\\_ftn6](http://www.heritage.org/Research/HomelandDefense/tst071906a.cfm#_ftn6)> The Court never said detention was improper. We should only try those who are war criminals, and we have bent over backward to give them due process—perhaps too much. It might even be best to delay their war criminal trials, as we have in many wars, until the end of hostilities. That, however, is something that traditionally has been, and should be, left to the president's discretion.

#### Winning the War of Ideas

By explicitly authorizing military commissions, Congress can also make a useful contribution to winning the war of ideas. The Court's decision has been portrayed across much of the world as a huge defeat for the Bush Administration and a repudiation of its decision to hold unlawful combatants. The ruling will, no doubt, be used by al-Qaeda and its affiliates as a major propaganda tool. It will also give ammunition to America's harshest critics on the international stage. In particular, the decision is likely to exacerbate tensions in the trans-Atlantic relationship. Washington has been increasingly under fire from European Union (EU) officials and legislators about Guantánamo. The EU's External Relations Commissioner, Austria's Benita Ferrero-Waldner, has called for the Guantánamo detention facility to be closed, and the European Parliament passed a resolution urging the same. The EU's condemnation of the Guantánamo facility has echoed those of the United Nations Committee Against Torture and the U.N.'s hugely discredited Commission on Human Rights, which condemned the detention facility without even inspecting it. Now, these groups are trumpeting the Supreme Court's decision.

However, these critics have largely ignored what the Court's decision actually says. The approval of the Congress and affirmation by the Court that the commissions represent the will of the American people demonstrate our resolve both to take the threat of transnational terrorism seriously and to respect the rule of law.

#### What Must Be Done

Also unchanged is the government's obligation to devise an equitable long-term solution that fairly executes justice while fully satisfying our national security interests. What is needed is a process that does not treat unlawful combatants as regular criminals or traditional prisoners of war. That would simply reward individuals for breaking the rules of the civilized world. Most Guantánamo detainees are not currently set to be tried for war crimes, and they may continue to be detained with only minor changes to the

administration's status determination proceedings. For those scheduled to be tried for war crimes, the Bush Administration must follow existing courts-martial rules or seek explicit congressional approval for the planned military commissions.

Congress can satisfy its legal and national security obligations explicitly by authorizing the proposed military commission process. What is critical is that the Bush Administration move forward expeditiously, demonstrating once again its unswerving commitment to fight the long war according to the rule of law.

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#### Bullet Points

- \* In deciding how to move forward after the Supreme Court decision in Hamdan v. Rumsfeld, strategy matters.
- \* The lessons of the Cold War suggest that there are four elements to a good long war strategy. The U.S. should focus on providing security, fostering economic growth, safeguarding civil society and preserving the liberties that sustain the will of the nation, and winning the war of ideas.
- \* What is needed is a process that does not treat unlawful combatants as regular criminals or traditional prisoners of war.
- \* Congress and the Bush Administration must move forward expeditiously, demonstrating once again its unswerving commitment to fight the long war according to the rule of law.

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Attached is the transcript from the 1630 phone call with BG Mike Barbero and the military analysts on Lebanon.

The call was on background.

Military Analyst Call

Wednesday, July 19, 2006

Briefer: U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Michael Barbero, Deputy Director for Regional Operations, Joint Chiefs of Staff, J-3

Topic: Evacuation of U.S. citizens from Lebanon

Location: 2E556 The Pentagon

ON BACKGROUND - quote as senior DoD official

Host: (b)(6) OSDPA

Transcriber: (b)(6)

(b)(6) (introduction of the general). Again this call is on background, so you may quote a senior DoD official. So with that, General Barbero.

Barbero: This is Mike Barbero, and I know a few of you, so those of you who know me please don't hold that against me.

Let me just tell you where we are as far as contracted shipping. Navy ships are going to be in the area; I can discuss the command and control arrangements and then some of the messages that - I just came from a press conference at the State Department to try to shoot back at this why are we so slow, the delay, etcetera.

Let me talk about contract shipping. A contracted ship, the Orient Queen - I think you saw it on the news, departed Beirut approximately nine o'clock eastern daylight time this morning. In our count, over 1,000 American citizens.

We think it will take 24 hours for that ship to make a round trip - download in Cyprus, back - to arrive back dockside in Beirut. And this is the maiden voyage, so we'll see how that works.

Hopefully we can make one trip every 24 hours of a thousand passengers.

We have - Transportation Command has been active since the start, and they are the ones doing the chartering in support of State Department, and they have chartered two other commercial ships - the motor ferry Rahmah - spelled R-A-H-M-A-H, a Panamanian flag ship, capacity of about 1,000 passengers, and it should commence operations out of Beirut on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

Right now it's being - it's reached - and the question is why is it taking so long? Well, we're conducting safety and readiness for sea inspections, then it must transit the Suez Canal.

And the third ship we have under contract is a high speed vessel - the Vittoria - V-I-T-T-O-R-I-A, an Italian flag ship, capacity of 330 passengers, and it again is also being inspected and we think it will commence operations on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

And what some may view and describe as delays I describe as making sure we are putting our American citizens - evacuating them safely on ships that we have inspected and are confident that can evacuate them safely.

And as you know, we have been using CH-53 helicopters since Sunday to continuously move U.S. citizens from the embassy compound.

We have six CH-53 helicopters that have been doing that today. Three of them are CH's, CH-53 cargo helicopters from the 24<sup>th</sup> MEU, and three are MH-53s from forces -- U.S. forces based in the United Kingdom.

Navy ships that we have either on site or on the way. USS Nashville will begin operations tomorrow and we think we can handle 1,000 American citizens per day and they'll either -- it's an amphib -- and they'll either transport the citizens from Beirut using their landing craft -- I think that's the most likely way they'll do that -- although I don't know, I've answered that by saying the local commander on the scene will make that assessment. But they can handle 1,000 a citizens a day starting tomorrow.

We also have two DDGs -- guided missile destroyers -- USS Gonzalez and the USS Barry, Arleigh-Burke class. And they are there for escort, primarily, and search and rescue. And they will be escorting these commercial carriers back and forth.

And then the fourth ship that's on the way -- or on station is the USS Mount Whitney, which is a command-and-control ship, and Brigadier General Jensen could move his command post to this ship; it is set up with a full suite of command and control systems.

And we have five more ships that we are heading towards and will enter the joint operational area within the upcoming days.

We've established a joint operational area, basically encompassing Cyprus to Lebanon, and as you know, Lebanon is the responsibility of Central Command, that's why they were given this mission. They have further -- the chain of command goes to NAVCENT, and he has delegated Brigadier General Jansen, United States Marine Corps, as the on-the-scene commander.

Israel is in -- under the UCP the responsibility of the European Command, so European Command is conducting coordination with Israel to facilitate our passage through the blockade.

Let's see. The themes I've been telling -- I've been passing to people as they ask the questions of timeliness is -- we have -- we are in support of Department of State, and as soon as we had a draft request from Department of State, we started to plan it and coordinate with CENTCOM or EUCOM to start moving assets.

And we have assets from European Command that we have chopped to Central Command; for example the -- I think the USS Barry is an example. The helicopters out of the UK are from European Command, and we have assets from United States Special Operations Command and Transportation Command is deeply involved in this.

But as soon as we heard -- got a draft request from the Department of State, we immediately started acting on that late last week and all throughout the weekend.

But the thing I have been telling people who have asked about timeliness is we have to balance the requirements for a safe, secure and rapid operation, and we're doing it with a sense of urgency. But I also tell them it's a time - as Admiral Walsh said the other day it's physics, it's time-distance.

The MEU was ashore in Jordan, conducting an exercise, so they had to disengage from that exercise, regroup, reload and then get underway.

We had a ship involved with - in an exercise I think in (and?) assets in Ukraine or Romania - a EUCOM exercise which they had to disengage from and move that way.

We had ships move from the Red Sea - ships that had already transited the Med were to the west, had to reenter the Mediterranean and head this way. And they are moving as fast as they can.

So with that - I've told people that, you know, it's a war zone, with an active blockade and our job is to get it right the first time and not rush to failure. And that's why we're balancing those three main concerns and operational imperatives I've mentioned.

So with that, I can answer any questions - let me just give you some numbers, projections, of American citizens we can handle. Yesterday we handled about 400 - I am sorry - yesterday we - and I am going to talk in terms of capacity, because we have assets on site and then the ambassador and the embassy has to get these citizens to either the landing pad at the embassy or dockside, and frankly, we have not filled every seat.

But let me talk in terms of capacity. Yesterday we had the capacity to evacuate about 440 Americans; today it's 1,340. Tomorrow it will be a capacity of 2,400; Friday we will have the capacity to evacuate about 3,800, and then Saturday with all the assets we'll have on station we could evacuate 6,500.

So as you see, we're rapidly forming this task force and building our capability. And with that, I'll answer any questions you might have.

Q: This is Jeff McCausland from CBS. Great summary. Quick question, long question. Quick question - then I assume 6,500 is what you see as steady-state capacity unless things become dramatically worse - example, having to move folks out of Israel.

And second question is, with the two DDGs for escort duty, can you talk at all about security concerns, for example it seems that a large ship like this with U.S. passengers moving in that area could be a prime Hezbollah, al Qaeda, pick your favorite nightmare target. Could you talk a little bit about those concerns?

Barbero: Well the first thing - as far as our capacity, the embassy has requested that we meet a rate of 2,000 per day, so that is our baseline, and that is the number we have been operating and building to. So anything above that is additional capacity that we have pushed to the area. So that is our planning figure. Now that could change if things go south; but 2,000 per day is what we got from the embassy and the Department of State and that's what we've been operating with.

As far as missile threat, we have no indications of threat to our task force or American citizens, but the point I make is we are building a capability for this local commander to be able to respond to any threat that may arise.

Q: Thank you.

Barbero: Okay.

(short cross talk)

Q: Am I correct that the ambassador - his responsibility are ashore; in other words, you all pick up responsibilities when the people get to the point of embarkation, but you're not planning on any trips ashore since the ambassador and the movement of people from locations in Lebanon to ports of embarkation?

Barbero: We have not been asked for that, and I am sure down at the tactical level they may be looking at some options, but we - it has not been discussed with us either at the Department of Defense or in our planning.

Q: This is John Garrett. With regard to the ambassador or the embassy, the country team's responsibility to get the folks to the collection point, have they or do you anticipate that they will be asking for any transportation type support for that once you get within range or whatever the parameter is that has to be met?

Barbero: We have not received and there has been no discussion with us about requirement to move American citizens to these points of embarkation, either the American embassy for air or dockside for the ships, so that has not been discussed with us or we have not been given a warning order for that.

Q: Okay, sir, thanks, and one follow-on. Have they asked for any kind of security support for those collection points, et cetera?

Barbero: No they have not, not at this time, but we will have the capability if that changes.

Q: Sure.

Q: Hey sir, it's Steve Greer. How are you doing?

Barbero: Hey, sergeant major, how are you?

Q: Hey, I am doing great sir, I'm glad you're still in the fight.

Barbero: Cool.

Q: Say, I've got a quick one. How are we getting the word out to citizens out there - is it loud speakers or radio, or is it TV? Are those capacities still available there? Or how are we notifying them of where these embarkation points are at?

Barbero: The embassy and State Department are doing that, and the State Department has done it through various means. We are not responsible for that, although we are flowing some PSYOPS forces there that can help the ambassador as far as crowd control and announcements and things like that. But that is strictly the embassy's job and I am not sure how effective they have been in doing that or exactly what means they have been doing that by; I don't know.

Q: Sure. Sir, and one more for you. At these two sites, is it U.S. Marines that are there providing the security and the kind of the patting down so some sort of suicide bomber guy doesn't jump on a 53 or happen to get on one of these ships? Is that our forces doing that, is that the Lebanese military, who is that involved in that?

Barbero: Sergeant major, I don't know for sure.

Q: Okay.

Barbero: I couldn't answer that. I know that there is security in place and they are checking credentials and paperwork and registrations and things like that, but as far as who is physically securing each one of these guys or checking them, I don't know for sure, I couldn't give you a straight answer.

Q: Okay, thanks though, I appreciate it.

Barbero: Okay, hooah.

Q: This is Jeff McCausland again. Can you talk at all about any future contingency planning. I mean, obviously we hope that this will be contained to south Lebanon, but have you considered any additional - of course you get those interesting boundary issues between CENTCOM, EUCOM - if you should be, for example, asked to evacuate U.S. citizens from northern portions of Israel, or does anyone have an estimate of how many U.S. citizens right now are in Syria, if we should have to expand the area of evacuation?

Barbero: Umm, we are, you know, we've got this plan pretty well in motion, and all I better say is Central Command is, you know, looking at all the possible threats and contingencies and we are assessing that now as part of any kind of planning.

Q: Okay.

Barbero: So, that's normal for us to -

Q: Do you know offhand, or does anybody there know offhand, I mean I know right now they say there are about 25,000 U.S. in Lebanon, how many U.S. there might be in Syria right now? I mean, God knows how many there are in Israel, but what the number might be for Syria?

Barbero: I don't know. The State Department hopefully could answer that.

(b)(6) Gentlemen, any more questions for the general?